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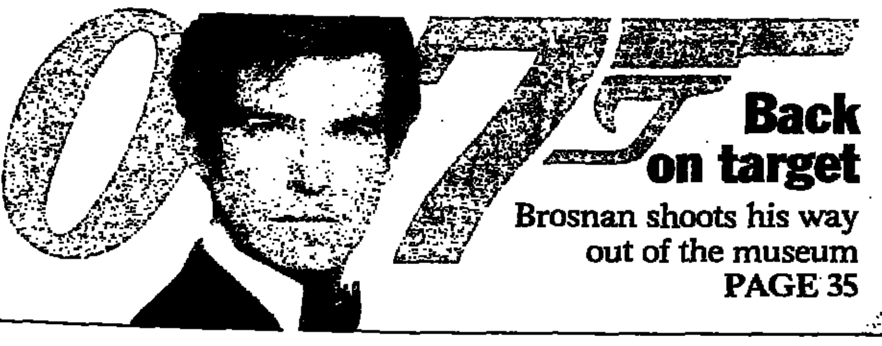

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SCHOOLS WEEK IN THE TIMES

Rosemary West jailed for life

'If attention is paid to what I think, you will never be released. Take her down'

BY RICHARD DUCE, BILL FROST AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

ROSEMARY WEST entered the annals of criminal history as Britain's most prolific female serial killer as she was jailed for the rest of her life yesterday for the murder of 10 young women and girls.

Mr Justice Mantell said: "Rosemary Pauline West, on each of the ten counts of murder of which you have been unanimously convicted by the jury, the sentence is one of life imprisonment. If attention is paid to what I think you will never be released. Take her down." Not a flicker of emotion passed across the face of the 41-year-old mother, who was flanked by two women prison officers, as the sentenced was passed.

Leo Goatley, her solicitor, immediately announced that she planned to appeal against the convictions, which included the murder of her 16-year-old daughter and nine other young women and girls.

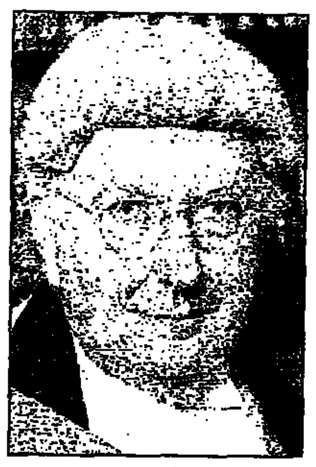
Mr Goatley said: "My client is totally devastated and wept uncontrollably after the verdicts. She continues to maintain her innocence and enjoys the love and support of her children."

He welcomed moves by government law officers to investigate the role of the media in the trial. He claimed they "blighted these proceedings" by offering large sums to key prosecution witnesses in the trial.

The trial reached a climax shortly before 1pm as the jury returned to courtroom Number 3 after a retirement of more than 13 hours.

On Tuesday, West was found guilty of murdering her eldest daughter Heather, 16; stepdaughter Charmaine, eight and her husband Frederick's pregnant lover, Shirley Robinson, 18.

Yesterday, the jury of seven men and four women decided she also murdered students Lucy Partington and Thérèse Siegenthaler; 17-year-old Alison Chambers; Lynda Gough,



Mr Justice Mantell

a former lodger; Carole Cooper; Juanita Mott and 15-year-old Shirley Hubbard, the youngest of the couple's victims. West, dressed in black, as she had been on every day of the seven-week trial, swayed slightly as the verdicts were announced.

As the last verdict was delivered, Anne Marie Davis, West's stepdaughter, collapsed in tears in her seat in the public gallery. She had given evidence that her father, Frederick West, had raped her at the age of eight while his wife held her down.

West will join an infamous group of killers who are unlikely ever to be freed, including Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer, Donald Neilson the Black Panther, and Dennis Nilsen, the mass killer. She will join Hindley in a special secure unit in Durham Jail.

The verdicts followed some of the most shocking and harrowing evidence ever heard in a British court. Girls were subjected to "appalling and depraved" sexual violence before they were killed, dismembered and buried beneath the West home at 25 Cromwell Steet, Gloucester.

Some lingered for days, bound and gagged, to be used as objects of sexual gratification by West and her husband, who escaped trial by committing suicide in his prison cell last New Year's Day.

The jury rejected Frederick West's claims — in tapes of interviews with police played in court — that he was the sole killer.

After the case, estimated to have cost the taxpayer around £4 million, Detective Superintendent John Bennett described Rosemary West as a "psychopath". He said he had no plans to question her at Durham Jail about other missing women, although police still want to trace nine who are known to have stayed at Cromwell Street. There were no plans to search for more bodies, although Frederick West claimed to have killed 20 more women.

An independent report for Gloucestershire County Council yesterday said there had been "worrying signs" about the West family which should have been picked up by care agencies. The Bridge Report concluded, however, that there was no evidence of failings by individuals or organisations and said poor record-keeping and medical confidentiality had failed to bring the West's activities to notice.

Michael Honey, the chief executive, said: "We must resist judging the events of ten, 20 and 30 years ago with the benefit of hindsight."

The jury, who will all be offered stress counselling after the harrowing 31-day trial, were praised by the judge. "You will never have had a more important job to do in your life. I am aware of the great stress it must have placed each of you under. You deserve my thanks and the country's for the part you have played."

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Rosemary West: "Totally devastated and wept uncontrollably after the verdicts."

Buying up witnesses may be made illegal

BY FRANCES GIBB AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

MINISTERS are considering changes to the contempt laws which would make it a criminal offence for newspapers to "buy up" witnesses, as in the Rosemary West trial.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, who is responsible for the law on contempt, yesterday launched an immediate investigation into payments by the tabloid press.

Brian Leveson, QC, prosecuting counsel in the West case, has been asked to provide a report to Lord Mackay and Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, on witnesses who were bought up in the West case. During the trial several admitted they had received substantial offers from newspapers and many signed contracts for their exclusive stories

Together with Sir Nicholas and the Home Secretary, the Lord Chancellor is to look at possible changes to the Contempt of Court Act, 1981.

Lord Mackay told *The Times*: "This is obviously a question that has to be discussed. " But he added: "It's not an easy area to operate in, I have to say. One of the problems is that when a

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Hunt for nine women who went into Cromwell St

BY RICHARD DUCE, BILL FROST AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

DETECTIVES still want to trace nine young women known to have "gone through the door of Cromwell Street", where the Wests lived, who have not yet been accounted for.

The police had fed details of all those known to have stayed at 25 Cromwell Street into Scotland Yard's missing persons computer. "But there may not be any more victims. There is nothing certain and hopefully that will be the case," Detective Superintendent John Bennett said yesterday.

The nine missing women are described as:

☐ Marilyn. A white woman in her late thirties thought to have been a Christian who worshipped at a church in Gloucester. Last seen in 1973.

☐ Donna Lynn Moore. Last seen in 1973. A white girl aged between 13 and 14, with slim build and long, fair hair. She spoke with an American accent.

☐ Person 3. Name unknown although the police have issued a photograph [above]. She visited Cromwell Street in 1975 when the photograph is thought to have been taken.

☐ Person 4. A woman in her early twenties known only as Maria Ann, described as 5ft 2in tall with long blonde hair and of slim build. She lived at Cromwell Street in 1991.

☐ Person 5. A white woman in her late twenties known only as Mireeker or Mareka who was seen at Cromwell Street between 1977 and 1978. It is thought she came from Holland and had a boyfriend called Kevin. She used to roll her own cigarettes.

One of the missing nine

☐ Person 6. Name unknown. A white woman aged 18-20 years, about 5ft 3in tall with blonde hair and of slim build. She is believed to have lived at 25 Cromwell Street in 1978.

☐ Ingrid. Aged 18 in 1978-79, with blonde hair and possibly a German accent.

☐ Marilyn. Thought to have been from the Forest of Dean. Briefly stayed at Cromwell Street in 1973. White, aged 18-19, with long blonde hair.

☐ Person 9. Name unknown. White, aged 17 to 20, with blonde hair. She is believed to have lived at Cromwell Street in 1973.

Blair orders party to halt attacks on Brown

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR last night told his Shadow Cabinet to pull behind Gordon Brown, his Shadow Chancellor.

The Labour leader, furious over the leak of a Shadow Cabinet discussion last week in which members were reported to have criticised Mr Brown for straying outside his policy area, told his party's high command that Mr Brown had his "101 per cent support". With Mr Brown absent from the meeting because he was speaking in the Commons debate on the economy, Mr Blair told his colleagues that Labour MPs were angry that there had been an attempt to undermine the man who is leading the party's pre-Budget assault on the Government.

Mr Blair's outspoken declaration in support of Mr Brown, who stood aside to give him a clear run for the modernising vote in last year's leadership election, was said by associates to have come from the heart.

Earlier, at the weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, several Labour MPs voiced anger at the leak. It was said that only members of the Shadow Cabinet itself could have disclosed the details. Sources say they have no idea who was responsible for the private attacks on Mr Brown. He has been accused of trying to establish himself as a leader-in-waiting.

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Major fails to hold on to rise in popularity

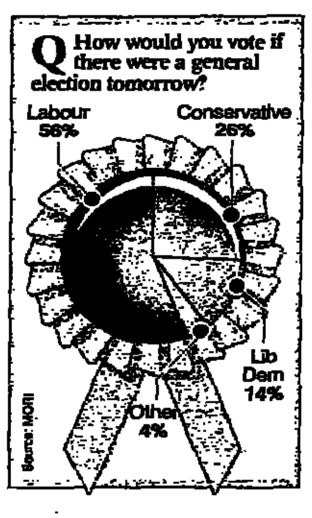
BY PETER RIDDELL

APPROVAL of John Major's performance as Prime Minister has fallen back to the level it was before he was re-elected Conservative leader in July, while Labour has consolidated its big opinion poll lead.

A new MORI poll for *The Times*, undertaken last weekend after the Queen's Speech, shows that the Tories and Mr Major have failed to climb out of their deep and long-established trough of unpopularity.

The Tories are now on 26 per cent, in the middle of the range they have held all year. Labour support is unchanged over the month at 56 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats are up a point at 14 per cent.

Mr Major's personal rating of minus 41 points is at its lowest level since May, but his personal rating among Tory supporters of plus 27 points is roughly double the level it was in the spring.



Tony Blair continues to enjoy high popularity. His record as Labour leader is approved by a two to one margin among the public, and by more than six to one among Labour supporters.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,877 adults at 149 ward sampling points between November 17 and 20. Voting intention figures exclude those who said they would not vote (10 per cent), were undecided (7 per cent) or who refused to say (3 per cent).*

Hotel bills will rise if Granada buys Forte

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE COST of eating out or staying in a hotel is likely to rise if Granada succeeds in yesterday's surprise £3.4 billion takeover bid for Forte, one of the world's biggest hotel and catering business.

Gerry Robinson, chief executive of the television, rental and industrial catering group, said there were opportunities to raise prices at almost all Forte's operations, which range from roadside cafés to some of the world's grandest hotels and are by far the biggest in Britain.

Granada aims to put up prices at the Little Chef and Happy Eater chains, Wheelers fish restaurants, Travelodge motels, higher priced Post House and Crest Hotels and probably at Forte's four- and five-star hotels.

Luxury London hotels such as the Grosvenor House and the Hyde Park may, however, be sold later: Granada would certainly end a 14-year battle by Forte to gain control of the Savoy group by selling Forte's stake. Mr Robinson said Granada would review the future of London's Café Royal.

Forte's 21 motorway service sites would be sold because Granada has a similar number and wants to avoid referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Shares in Forte jumped 76p to 351p, about 14p per share above Granada's offer. The takeover is likely to herald a City battle. Mr Robinson indicated that there was unlikely to be a place for Sir Rocco Forte, chairman and chief executive of Forte, in a merged group.

A successful takeover could also damage Conservative finances. Lord Forte, now retired, has long been a strong supporter of the Tory Party and the company gave it £82,000 last year. Granada, which was founded by the Bernstein family, makes no political contributions.

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Welfare agencies and police condemned for failing to connect series of clues

'Worrying signs' went unheeded for decades

By Bill Frost and Catherine Milton

FOR more than 20 years social workers, doctors and teachers failed to heed the evidence of what life was really like for those who lived at 25 Cromwell Street.

There were "worrying signs" which should have been noticed as early as 1971, according to an independent report for Gloucestershire County Council disclosed yesterday. Between then and 1992 the West children were treated in hospital 31 times.

A child under 16 was treated for gonorrhoea and another girl said her mother had bruised and scratched her breast area as a punishment for bad behaviour. Children were also treated for cuts and scratches to their hands and feet. One was admitted with an injured hand and told doctors it had been caused by a sledgehammer.

On another occasion two children were treated on the same day for cuts to the hands. Explanations offered by the children and their parents "now seem unconvincing", the report by the Bridge Consultancy says.

Charmaine West, who was murdered by Rosemary West in 1971, was only eight when she disappeared, yet teachers appeared all too ready to accept the lie that she had moved to Scotland.

A school failed to inform social workers that Frederick West confessed to a teacher in 1987 that he had "laid out" one of his sons. A boy appeared tired and lethargic in class. Frederick West was confrontational with teachers when they raised their concern. He told one that he would not allow his son to see a speech therapist despite the school's concern.

Neighbours and others expressed concern for the family's welfare. For the entire period Mrs West was a known prostitute who entertained clients at home. Children were put into care on four occasions at the request of the parents.

In 1988, after an anonymous tip-off, a health visitor cleared Rosemary and Frederick West of all suspicion. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was asked to investigate in 1989 after a teacher feared that one of the children had been struck with a mallet by his father.

The boy was seen at his school but made no complaint and no physical injuries were noted. The society's officers met the boy four times between March and May 1989 and concluded that there was a satisfactory explanation for his minor face injury. Contact ended at the boy's request. The file relating to the case was found to be missing in 1994. The NSPCC said: "We believe it was either shredded in error or misappropriated."

Other warning signs went unheeded, including the Wests' conviction in 1973 for assaulting Caroline Owens. There was also the "family joke" that Heather West was "under the patio".

It was not until 1993 that the claims were taken seriously. Had it not been for a chance meeting between a community policeman and a group of schoolgirls who expressed concern about the fate of a friend who lived at 25 Cromwell Street, the murders might never have surfaced.

The report says social workers could have done more to check on exactly who was in the household. Social workers, however, had little contact with the family and the children were not considered to be "at risk", which meant formal child protection procedures could not begin.

Michael Honey, chief executive of Gloucestershire County Council, said last night: "Whatever criticisms we make, it should be borne in mind that in the current state of knowledge and guidance, child protection services are not geared up to detecting potential serial killers.

"There was no way of predicting that this case was one in which serial killing would occur in such numbers as to make it quite unique in terms of child protection experience. We must resist judging the events of ten, 20 and 30 years ago with the benefit of hindsight."

Jim Harding, NSPCC chief executive, said: "Any organisation that has had any kind of involvement with this case over the long period is going to grieve that they did not identify what was going on with this family.

"On the evidence before it at the time the NSPCC did not believe the case was a serious one. However, given that the NSPCC exists to prevent the kind of cruelty that was taking place in the West family, we have to regret a fuller investigation was not undertaken."

Gloucestershire Health Authority said: "The Bridge report assembles for the first time an overview of the health records relating to members of the West household.

"Putting ourselves in the position of the professionals working in the 1970s and 1980s, knowing what they knew then and following practices of that time, it would have required remarkable perception and abilities to penetrate the web of deceit spun by Frederick and Rosemary West."

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

☐ **There was no way of predicting that the case was one in which serial killing would occur in such numbers.**

☐ **Families which posed the greatest threat to their children were those most skilled in beating the system.**

☐ **In this case, 12 victims were buried in three locations without arousing local suspicions, so it was hardly surprising that those responsible also avoided the Child Protection System.**

☐ **The report does not recommend any substantial change in procedures but recommends that the area child protection committee and its members be wary of reducing their vigilance in dealing with suspicions of abuse.**

☐ **The report urged a wider sharing of information between GPs and health professionals, particularly as there were so many worrying signs hidden in the family's medical notes. It also recommended that when children move home, checks be made with their new school to verify their arrival.**

MP demands answers from director

ONE man at Gloucestershire social services has "many hard questions to answer", according to the Tory MP for Gloucester, Douglas French.

Brian Rice was deputy director from 1974 to 1980 and director from 1980 to 1988. Mr French said his department had been persistently warned about problems at 25 Cromwell Street and that it was "quite extraordinary" that nothing strange had been noticed.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES

In 1993 Mr Rice was branded grossly negligent after it came to light that he had provided references for Frank Beck, a violent homosexual at present serving five life sentences for abusing his charges at three children's homes in Leicestershire. An official inquiry concluded that Mr Rice was "a poor leader" who had neither the skill nor the experience for the position he held.

Beck had resigned his post in 1986 after two young male colleagues complained of sexual harassment. Mr Rice, who took early retirement in 1988, subsequently helped Beck to find similar work elsewhere.

After Beck was jailed Mr Rice, who had no child care qualifications, expressed "bitter regret" over what he had done. He unreservedly acknowledged that the references should never have been written.

Despite numerous requests for interviews, Mr Rice has refused to discuss the performance of his then department. Last week his wife said he had gone on a golfing trip. Mr French said: "We will not be fobbed off with a whitewash or a fudge. Plainly, a public inquiry should be held because, no matter how skilful Rose and Fred West were at deceiving people, they should not have been able to dupe all the social workers who visited that house."

Rice: director who took early retirement

Among the many "enormous unanswered questions that still remain to be answered", Mr French said, was the failure by social workers to make the connection between 25, Cromwell Street and Jordan's Brook childrens' home in Gloucester. Alison Chambers, whose remains were unearthed in the garden, absconded from the home to live with Frederick and Rosemary West.

Alison was one of a number of girls at the home who regularly spent time at Cromwell Street and became sexually involved with the couple. According to some reports, it was "an open secret" that the Wests welcomed young people from Jordan's Brook and should have been known to social workers.

Bennett after the verdicts: the Wests "fooled the police; they fooled everybody"

Chance meeting with PC on beat sparked inquiry

By Michael Horsnell, Bill Frost and Richard Duce

A CHANCE meeting between a community policeman and a group of children on a Gloucester street corner triggered the investigation that culminated with the conviction of Rosemary West.

The youngsters stopped PC Steve Burnside on an August afternoon in 1992 and told him they were worried that one of their friends in the area was being "knocked about". They thought that the family name was Quest and that their home was in Cromwell Street.

The officer, who has since become a detective, was so concerned by their harrowing story that he checked the electoral role. The name most similar to the one that he had been given was West, and their address was 25, Cromwell Street.

He passed the information to his superiors and a full investigation was launched under detective constable Hazel Savage. Social services were also informed and five of the West children under 16 were taken into care.

Frederick and Rosemary West were subsequently charged with sex offences but the prosecution collapsed.

However, DC Savage was by now deeply worried by a "family joke" told to social workers by the West children. They said their eldest sister, Heather — missing since June 1987 — was "under the garden". At first senior officers were satisfied with the explanation offered by her parents that she had simply left home. It was to be 18 months before DC Savage's persistence paid off and a warrant was granted by Gloucester magistrates for a search of the West home.

A BBC2 documentary, *The Cromwell Street Murders*, said last night that as far back as the 1970s Gloucester police feared that they had a serial killer in the area. Ricky Coleclough, who retired from the force in 1988, said that the disappearance of Carol-Ann Cooper, Lucy Partington and Mary Bastholm were thought to be linked. He said: "Police officers strongly believed that one person was responsible for all of those killings and the presumption is that person would be local."

THE POLICE

West, meanwhile, was coming to the attention of police for a string of petty offences from littering to theft. Small-time drug dealers who lived at the house prompted police raids, often twice a month.

Detective Superintendent John Bennett, who led the case, defended the police yesterday, saying West and his wife were a Jekyll and Hyde couple whose multiple personalities allowed them to evade detection for 20 years.

"They fooled the police, I accept that," he said. "They fooled everybody. They seemed to be pleasant people. People who knew him saw him as a friendly braggart, someone always having a joke, and a family man. I think you must look upon these two as a perfect pair."

The fact that they were psychopaths remained hidden because of the image they projected, their ability to have an answer ready to everything, and because police techniques and inter-agency co-operation in the 1970s was insufficiently developed.

Police would keep open the file on the couple but there were no plans to search for further bodies or to interview West in prison. "The investigation will be reviewed in a week by the chief constable once the team has had a break," Mr Bennett said.

"You have to look on this inquiry in 1994 against the backcloth of what policing was like in the 1970s. It's totally unfair to compare today with those values of yesterday. There were no police computers, radios were limited and there was no Holmes national police computer.

"I am satisfied because it has been the end of a mammoth amount of work and not just work in the police service but with other agencies all over the country. We have had total support and understanding from the families. If they feel justice has been done, that is how we can gain some satisfaction."

24-hour suicide watch for Hindley's neighbour

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A WING in Durham jail, created for Britain's most dangerous women prisoners will be home to Rosemary West for the rest of her life. She will join Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer, as an occupant of the recently refurbished H wing, although the Prison Service will consider whether, because of the nature of her crimes, a special unit will have to be built for her.

H wing, known as "she wing", was where IRA terrorists Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer were detained until they were transferred to Northern Ireland.

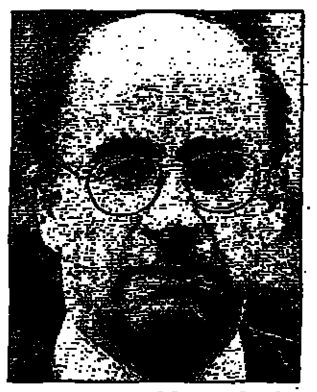
The wing, with four landings, can hold 48 women prisoners in single cells with integral sanitation and hot and cold water. Each cell, measuring 11ft by 5ft 6in has an iron-framed bed and inmates are locked in from 8pm to 8am.

THE JAIL

Her normal day in the unit, the only one of its kind in the country, will involve about 12 hours out of her cell.

She will be under a constant suicide watch in the early days of her sentence and will be closely guarded to prevent attacks by other prisoners. She will be allowed two visits a month lasting about two hours each, but a recently introduced incentive scheme, means she could have a maximum of four visits a month.

All prisoners in the wing must take part in purposeful activity which includes working in a textile workshop. There is also an activity centre where prisoners can make soft toys or pottery.



Leveson: said case had affected all involved

Jurors are offered counselling

JURORS in the trial have received an unprecedented offer of counselling.

After returning their verdicts they were told by the Chief Clerk of the Court that the Lord Chancellor's Department would provide counselling services indefinitely. Otherwise they can contact their GPs, or a telephone helpline set up by the department.

Throughout the trial the jurors have been in close contact with the court staff and been encouraged to divulge any psychological difficulties or stress they might have been experiencing, but none is believed to have done so.

LASTING EFFECTS

No facilities have been offered for the judge or for the legal teams. Half way through the trial Brian Leveson, QC, who led the prosecution, said: "No one who has been involved with the case, however briefly, is still on his trolley, and I certainly include myself in that."

Counselling was also offered to the press and police officers. After initial bravado, at least five reporters are known to have sought help in coping with "bad dreams". The BBC offered professional counselling to all its reporters and correspondents.

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Little help for legions of the lost

By Stewart Tendler

BRITAIN'S shifting population of young runaways and drifters is largely the concern of charities. A missing person's bureau based at Scotland Yard was opened last year, but acts only as an information clearing house.

It covers people missing for at least 28 days, aged under 18 or over 65, vulnerable, missing in suspicious circumstances, Britons abroad and foreigners in Britain. It is not staffed by police and would not have spotted any pattern in Gloucester.

MISSING PERSONS

Individual forces have different policies about how long they keep records. The Salvation Army specialises in reuniting families, while the charitable Missing Person's Bureau claims a wider area and says that its computer can spot patterns.

Press council to review witness payments

Goatley: claims press blighted the West trial

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case attains a certain degree of notoriety, people want to read about it, and that's what gives rise to the value of these contributions. It's easy to say it shouldn't happen, it's not so easy to see how you can prevent it happening and produce a better situation."

If newspapers were prevented from "buying up" witnesses until after trial, the prospect of such payment might alter the nature of their evidence, he said.

The last review was launched in 1966 in the aftermath of the Moors Murder case. Two witnesses were offered money by a newspaper for their stories after the trial. The amount to be paid depended on whether a conviction was secured or not.

The newspaper watchdog, the Press Complaints Commission, announced it would review the issue of payments to witnesses at a full meeting next week. The move follows reports that Lord Wakeham, the commisssion chairman, expressed private concern over the way newspapers handled the reporting of the trial.

Yesterday, Leo Goatley, Mrs West's solicitor, said that press activity had "blighted" proceedings.

Gloucestershire Police last night issued a statement saying neither they, nor the Crown Prosecution Service, were aware that Mrs Janet Leach — appointed as an "appropriate adult" to sit in as a lay observer on more than 80 interviews between police and Frederick West — had struck a deal with a national newspaper until after she began her evidence.

Mrs Leach collapsed during a luncheon adjournment on her first day of evidence. When first questioned she told the court she had no contact with the media nor received any money from them. But later she admitted she had been paid more than £12,000 by a national newspaper group. She also agreed she had signed a £100,000 contract for a book.

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Sister blames killing for death of broken-hearted parents

Quiet student laughed off warnings before fatal trip

REPORTS BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

FADED photographs issued by police as they put names to the bodies unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street show an astonishing physical resemblance between the two most academically gifted of those abused and butchered by Frederick and Rosemary West.

Thérèse Siegenthaler, a Swiss student, and Lucy Partington both had sensitive faces framed by dark hair and a slightly melancholy look. Both came from protective middle-class homes and had little or no experience of people outside their own limited spheres of knowledge. How Thérèse came to fall into the hands of the Wests is a mystery. The 21-year-old undergraduate, who had left her home outside Berne to study at Woolwich College, southeast London, had no reason to be anywhere near the Gloucester area the night she was abducted in April 1974.

THE SWISS VICTIM

She had been hitch-hiking from London to Anglesey, where she planned to catch the ferry to Dublin for a reunion with a boyfriend. Either the Wests were travelling further afield than usual that night in search of a victim, or she decided to make for Fishguard instead. As she prepared to leave London, her friend Edith Simmons warned her not hitch-hike and to take the train instead. Thérèse is said to have laughed before replying: "I can look after myself. I am a judo expert."

Thérèse's sister, Marianne Stiep, now 40, finds it difficult to recall her sibling without tears. She remembers reading of the Cromwell Street excavations last year and experiencing a terrible sense of foreboding. "After the third or fourth victim had been identified I just had this feeling that she was going to be among the rest of the dead.

"There was a picture in our Swiss papers of Lucy Partington and there was such an uncanny resemblance. My blood ran cold ... I just knew they had killed Thérèse as well, and soon after I was proved right."

On March 5 last year police recovered the remains of the Swiss student. She had been decapitated and her body dismembered. Like all the other victims she had been bound and gagged before protracted sexual abuse.

"I have tried to imagine what happened to her and I know they hurt Thérèse very badly," Mrs Stiep said. "I know it is not wise to think about it, but I cannot stop these terrible thoughts in my mind still." She said that her parents suffered badly after the disappearance of Thérèse, dying before her fate was known. The family believes that they died of "broken hearts" caused by the loss of their daughter.

Soon after the disappearance Thérèse's stepmother, Rosa, spoke of her quiet and studious manner. "She was always reading. Thérèse was passionate about literature and sociology and devoured books, above all the left-wing ones that her father bought her. She was a very willing girl, she wanted to do something with her life."

> ‘I want her to understand the evil of what she has done; maybe that is the best punishment’

Shortly before her death, Thérèse's mother said that as the months and then years had gone by, hope that Thérèse would be found alive lingered on. Then, bit by bit, it faded. "As time passed we knew she was dead, but there was always an uncertainty."

Thérèse's father, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, died in 1990. His widow believes that Thérèse's disappearance hastened her husband's end. "It enfeebled him. It took away his desire to live. He always spoke of her, and had nightmares about her.

"Thérèse was his favourite child. In some ways it is fortunate that he died before we knew what had happened. It would have been an unbearable shock for him to know that she had been murdered."

Mrs Stiep described the young Thérèse as a girl who "did not have to work hard to pass exams and was very good at sports". Perhaps because of her accomplishments, other girls sometimes picked on Thérèse — until she learnt judo.

Her decision to study sociology in London marked the "flowering" of Thérèse, Mrs Stiep said. "She loved the city and wrote frequently telling us about college and her many friends."

When a flatmate called from London to say that she had gone missing the family "went frantic with fear". Júrg Siegenthaler, her brother, travelled to England and to Ireland on a number of occasions before realising that there was no trail to follow.

"We cried and cried, our hearts were broken," Mrs Stiep said. "We could not look at photographs or read her old letters. Every knock at the door brought hope and then despair. Christmas and Easter were always very hard. Then the cloud over our heads was even darker because they are times for the whole family to be together."

Since the telephone call from Gloucester police in late March last year Mrs Stiep has studied serial killers — "I wanted insight into the Wests" — and seen a medium. "I asked her to make contact with Thérèse. She told me that mother had been waiting to pick up her soul when she died and they were together and at peace. I suppose it did help for a while."

Despite her grief and anger Mrs Stiep says she does not feel hatred for Rosemary West and her late husband. "They have a lot of evil inside them, how can God ever forgive them?

"For taking my sister's life, and all the other lives, too, she must be locked up forever. I want her to become aware of what she has done, understand the evil she has done; maybe that is the best punishment.

"My sister had her whole life in front of her and was such a good and kind person. These people were the opposite. Who can really understand such terrible evil?"

Thérèse Siegenthaler, aged 16, on her confirmation day at home in Switzerland

Family waited 20 years to mourn ‘lovely Lucy’

JUST after 10pm on December 27, 1973, Lucy Partington hurried from the home of a friend in Cheltenham, worrying that she might miss the last bus home to the Cotswold village of Gretton, where her mother lived.

She had spent the evening with Helen Render, a seriously disabled woman who has since died. They shared an interest in medieval English, art and music. Helen told police after her friend's disappearance that when Lucy had missed the bus in the past, she would return to Helen's house and her father would drive her home. But that night she neither returned nor reached her destination, and those who loved her had to wait more than 20 years before being told of her fate.

The 21-year-old Exeter University student was the niece of Sir Kingsley Amis and had wanted to become a writer. Her cousin, Martin Amis, dedicated his latest novel, *The Information*, to her memory.

Frederick West told detectives after his arrest that he had courted the young woman for three months before murdering her. He said that he had met her at a boating lake in a Cheltenham park. She had fallen in love with him and threatened to reveal their affair to his wife, he claimed.

They were cruel lies. In a statement to police Lucy's mother gave a detailed breakdown of her daughter's movements during 1977; at no time could she have fallen into the Wests' orbit until the night they plucked her from the street.

Lucy's parents, long since separated, have said little or nothing about their feelings since police confirmed that she was among the bodies unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street. Their daughter's fate was too harrowing a topic to share with anyone outside the immediate family.

Sir Kingsley, who died last month, remembered "lovely little Lucy". He said: "The poor little thing ... it's so dreadful." He expressed his sadness and anger that the Wests had robbed him of the opportunity to watch his niece grow into adulthood. "Had she lived I might have got to know her well."

Lucy Partington: was taken from bus stop

There was a wistful Pre-Raphaelite quality about Lucy which none who met her could fail to recognise and respond to: a sensitive and highly intelligent young woman with a hint of sadness in her expression. She studied Middle English at Exeter, wrote poetry and spoke of what might have been a religious vocation. Always a devout Christian, her faith had become more intense and she decided to join the Roman Catholic Church.

THE TRUSTING UNDERGRADUATE

She seemed well set for success and rich fulfilment, whatever direction she decided to take after finals. She might have been the inspiration for the phrase "brightest and best".

But this chaste and gentle young woman was never to realise her full promise. Her trusting nature led her into the hands of two people as cruel as she was kind. No words in the lexicon of brutality could adequately express the pain and humiliation inflicted upon her by the Wests before they killed and dismembered her.

It is all too easy to picture a battered car drawing up at the Cheltenham bus stop: how Lucy's initial suspicion at the offer of a lift was dampened by the presence of a couple in the vehicle; how she was beaten into submission. Once she was bundled from the Wests' car and dragged into 25 Cromwell Street, Lucy was tightly bound with cord. The couple also covered her face with loop upon loop of strong adhesive tape.

Trial evidence made plain that Lucy was kept alive for several days for the sexual pleasure of her abductors. The precise cause of death will never be known.

Her family postponed their deepest grieving for more than two decades after Lucy's disappearance. Then came the telephone call from Gloucester police during the excavations at Cromwell Street. Roger Partington, her father, said: "It's very painful but is something we will have to come to terms with ... we have been living with this for 20 years. Our immediate reaction was shock ... it is the last chapter we have been expecting."

Her mother Mary would not speak of her pain to the media then, or now. She had never really given up hope until the call from Gloucester police. A few months after the disappearance she had said: "Strangely enough, the longer it goes on without any news whatsoever, the more my hopes are raised."

When it was confirmed that Lucy was among the victims of the Wests, the Partingtons closed ranks against the outside world. Villagers in Gretton said her mother "suffered terribly" as she sought to come to terms with her daughter's death. One said: "Just leave the family now, let them get strong again if they can. They have been through so much, more than anyone can imagine."

Silent pain of ‘daddy's girl’

ANNE MARIE DAVIS, the daughter of Frederick West whose evidence was perhaps the most compelling and distressing of the trial, lives with the stigma of being a member of the West family. Stones have been thrown through her windows and she is taunted in the street.

Her account of sexual abuse at the hands of her father and stepmother Rosemary from the age of eight brought a hush to the courtroom at Winchester.

After her first day of evidence Mrs Davis, now 31 and the mother of two girls, took antidepressant tablets and alcohol and had to be taken to hospital. A psychiatrist determined her fit to continue her evidence and the jury was not told of the incident. A family friend said: "Anne Marie felt she had to give evidence so that justice can be seen to be done. She believes her children should have the mother she never had.

"She is extremely articulate and intelligent and perhaps, had she been born into any other family, she could have made a success of her life."

DAUGHTER'S EVIDENCE

Mrs Davis said she was often filled with terror while growing up at Cromwell Street, yet she still idolised her father. She visited him in Winson Green prison after his arrest and took an overdose when he was found hanged.

She endured regular beatings from Rosemary and has criticised the authorities for not piecing together evidence that could have brought her stepmother to justice earlier.

In her penultimate year at school she was recorded as being absent 60 times. Yet, according to friends, the education authorities never once sought an explanation for her repeated truancy.

At the age of 14, she had an abortion and at 15 she ran away and fell into a life of prostitution.

A close friend said of Mrs Davis's childhood: "She lived in terror of meeting Rosie's eyes. Living in that house was like living in a prison. She didn't go to the authorities because she was terrified.

"She knows she is only alive today because she kept her head down and didn't ask questions about Heather and Charmaine."

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Dead man's testimony secured victory for prosecution

Mantell: could have barred taped confession

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE conviction of Rosemary West was secured by the prosecution in spite of the lack of any direct evidence against her. The evidence was entirely circumstantial, and there was no proof that she had even met five of her victims.

The trial also broke ground in that it was the first time the tape-recorded murder confession of a dead man, Frederick West, was admitted as "documentary. hearsay" evidence.

Yesterday morning the jury returned to the courtroom to ask the judge: "Is the total absence of direct evidence, other than the presence of the remains linking the victims to 25 Cromwell Street, an obstacle to bringing in a guilty verdict?" Mr Justice Mantell's answer was no, and within 30 minutes they had given the remaining seven guilty verdicts. That issue is certain to be at the heart of the appeal planned by Rosemary West's lawyers, as well as the admissibility of details about her sexual activities.

On paper the case against her looked weak, despite the apparently overwhelming wealth of circumstantial evidence — namely the bodies under the cellar. The prosecution team had the task, therefore, of constructing a case on what is called "similar fact" evidence. This was based on the case of Caroline Owens, who told the court how she had been bound, gagged and raped after being picked up by the Wests.

Ms Owens was used as an evidential "blueprint": the Crown's case was that inferences could be drawn from her ordeal about what happened to the murder victims. In a highly unusual move, the Crown was allowed to present evidence of Rosemary West's sexual habits, which would normally be inadmissible. One legal observer said: "The Crown built up what was almost a psychological profile of Rosemary West by introducing evidence of her sexuality from all sorts of people who had dealings with her."

THE EVIDENCE

Michael Hirst, law lecturer at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, said: "The normal rule is that evidence of an accused's bad character or previous criminal offences is not admissible evidence in respect of the offences charged."

Mr Hirst, author of the practitioners' textbook *Andrews and Hirst on Criminal Evidence*, said: "Normally such evidence of previous actions would only be allowed if the similarity is so striking as to 'scream' the accused's guilt. Otherwise there is a danger that such evidence will be prejudicial."

There was only circumstantial evidence in the case of the van driver Robert Black, who was convicted last year of the murder of Caroline Hogg and other children in different parts of Britain. The locations where the children disappeared tied in with where Black had been making deliveries, and the court was allowed to hear this "pattern" of evidence.

"You could argue that the evidence about Rosemary West's sexual practices were devastatingly prejudicial, and created more prejudice than probative value," Mr Hirst said. "The more prejudicial the evidence is, the more careful the court must be when admitting it. The prosecution is likely to have argued that it must all be allowed in, as all part of the picture."

The second striking feature of the case, and one that was unprecedented, was the defence lawyers' use of the police tapes of Frederick West. They turned the hearing "more into a trial of Fred *and* Rosemary", one lawyer said.

The tapes were admitted as documentary evidence under section 28 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. Previously only documents could be used as evidence where the author was not available (dead, ill or abroad). The Act extended this to electronic documents.

Mr Hirst said: "At common law, such a confession would have been inadmissible, it would have been hearsay. In a case in 1985, the judge refused to admit a confession by someone else whom the defendant said had been responsible for the crime." But West's confession was on tape, and the man himself dead. That made the tape legally admissible under the 1988 Act as evidence West would have given had he been alive.

Mr Justice Mantell had a discretion to exclude the tapes. "But there is no way he would have done because, if true, they are dynamite," Mr Hirst said.

"There is also the danger that the jury might have speculated; what did Fred say about all this, did he in fact implicate Rosemary West?"

It followed from use of the tapes that the prosecution was allowed to call evidence to attack West's credibility. Janet Leach, who had witnessed West's confession to police, was called to cast doubt on his reliability and to highlight inconsistencies.

Deals that led to debate on justice

Questions raised over witnesses who sold their tales

BY BILL FROST
AND RICHARD DUCE

HOURS of the case were spent in the absence of the jury while the judge heard concerns raised by the defence counsel that witnesses had been making deals with the media.

A main plank of the defence case was that so many of the prosecution witnesses had sold their stories that they had a financial interest in seeing Rosemary West convicted.

The debate over publication had already extended beyond witnesses and newspapers. **Detective Constable Hazel Savage**, widely acknowleded to have uncovered much of the original evidence and who conducted many of the initial interviews with Frederick West after his arrest, was accused of contacting a literary agent with the idea of writing a book about her career and the case.

A week before the allegations surfaced, she had received the MBE and was said to have "an exceptional career" ahead. Last September she received a reprimand for discreditable conduct and her appeal was rejected by a Home Office tribunal. She was taken off the West case.

THE MEDIA

Savage: reprimanded

Ogden: court fight

Tony Butler, the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, said her involvement in the investigation was raised in the discussions with a literary agent, but she had disclosed no confidential information and had received no money.

Frederick West's solicitor, **Howard Ogden**, was sacked by the murderer after learning that he was touting his story for £1 million. Ogden, whose usual clients were drink drivers, burglars and shoplifters, was offering 20 hours of taped interviews with his client in his prison cell, giving intimate details of his married life. Pictures of the basement at 25, Cromwell Street, were said to be available, plus videotapes and photographs of Rosemary West having sex with a variety of partners.

West won a High Court order preventing Mr Ogden from selling material. The Law Society referred the matter to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, which has held off hearing the case until the outcome of the trial. Subsequently Ogden won a High Court action against **Scott Canavan**, his former clerk, preventing the disclosure of confidential information on the Wests. He said that he sought a ban "in recognition of the onerous duty on solicitors to protect the confidences of clients".

In court, the most embarrassing moment for the prosecution was over **Janet Leach**, a witness who had sat in on police interviews with Frederick West. She was brought out to tell the jury of his private confession that he was covering up for his wife. Mrs Leach, 39, told the court that she had not spoken to the press and had signed no deal.

She collapsed during her evidence. When she was well enough to return, Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, had established that she had signed exclusive rights to her story for £100,000 to the Mirror Group. Mrs Leach was forced to admit that she had lied during evidence.

In the summer of 1994 she contacted the *Daily Mirror* through a friend because she was planning to write a book. "I was a woman who wanted the truth told. Fred asked me to contact them because he wanted the truth told," she said.

The first the trial jury learnt of media money for witnesses was after they heard from the first witness, **Elizabeth Agius**, a neighbour of the Wests at their former address in Midland Road, Gloucester. Under cross-examination she disclosed that she had been paid £750 by an ITV news organisation for an interview and had also been paid a similar fee by the BBC. She was the witness who said the Wests would boast about cruising in their car looking for young girls.

The next witness to admit she had received money, but only after first talking to police, was **Caroline Owens**. She told how she was abducted and assaulted by the Wests, for which they were fined in 1973. Mrs Owens, 40, said she had been paid £9,500 by *The Sun* would receive a further £10.500 after publication. After entering into the deal she had turned down £50,000 from the *Sunday Mirror*.

Liz Brewer, a former lodger at Cromwell Street, admitted in court that she had been paid £3,000 with a further £7.000 to come from a Sunday newspaper for her account of life inside the Wests' home.

A woman known only as **Miss A** said she stood to be paid £30,000 by the *Daily Express* for her account of how she was abused by the Wests and lived to tell the tale.

Then came **Kathryn Halliday**, who admitted a lesbian affair with Rosemary West. She has been paid £8,000 by the *Sunday Mirror*.

Some of the most damning evidence against Rosemary West came from her stepdaughter **Anne Marie Davis**, who said that her parents had abused her from the age of eight. She said that she received £3,000 from the *Daily Star*. She is expected to receive close to £70,000 for a book.

The most controversial book sale is by the Official Solicitor of the Supreme Court, **Peter Harris**, who can sell transcripts of 100 hours of police interviews and papers relating to Frederick West's defence. **Geoffrey Wansell**, 50, a former *Times* journalist, has been commissioned to write a book using material from the estate. Money raised will go to West children and claimants on the estate.

Rosemary West aged six: according to her mother she was "such a sweet girl but a big baby at heart"

Young innocent learnt to relish depravity

BY BILL FROST

THROUGHOUT the 31-day trial Rosemary West's bovine expression was to alter only at the mention of her daughter Heather's name. But her sobs were entirely bogus, the prosecution told the jury.

Mrs West, 41, was unconcerned at the appalling suffering she and her husband had inflicted on their victims. She had revelled in the pain they caused.

Britain's most prolific female serial killer was the very model of anonymity. Her youthful prettiness had faded long ago while her figure ballooned. And yet this woman was co-author of perhaps the most chilling chapter in recent criminal history.

From the moment she first encountered the man she was to marry, Rosemary Letts ceased to be a sweet little girl and became a troublesome and ungovernable teenager. She fell completely under his malign influence. At first Fred was the senior partner in the relationship. However, with the passage of time Rose became as evil as her mentor.

Rosemary was just 15 when she met West in the small Gloucestershire village of Bishop's Cleeve, where she lived. He was 12 years older and determined to use his greater experience of life to prize the ingenuous teenager from her perhaps over-protective parents. The girl kept her relationship with the all-but illiterate and monosyllabic West secret as long as she could. Her parents, William and Daisy, were angry and distraught when they discovered she was involved with an older man who lived on a caravan site. He was too old for her and, worse still, already married with children.

Daisy Letts, now a 75-year-old widow, said: "We disliked Fred from the outset. Quite simply we didn't think he was good enough for our Rosie. She had never had a boyfriend before. When she introduced him I was shocked. He was terribly scruffy and really old for her. We didn't understand what a man with two children wanted with a 15-year-old girl."

THE KILLER

In a bid to end the courtship, Rosemary's parents contacted the local authority who agreed to put her in care. But three weeks later, on Rosemary's 16th birthday when she could no longer be detained, she moved in with West.

"Maybe it was our fault. I feel in some ways responsible for them getting together," Mrs Letts said. "We were so strict with our children and sex was never discussed. Maybe she ran off with him as a rebellion against her upbringing. As a child she was such a sweet girl but a big baby at heart: she would burst into tears at the slightest thing.

"In the end, after meeting Fred, she wouldn't do anything we asked. It was so sad. Her father and I wanted her to have a good life so much."

A psychologist said yesterday that the couple probably told each other that their victims enjoyed the sexual depravity that led to their deaths.

Professor David Canter, head of the Liverpool University investigative psychology unit and author of *Criminal Shadows: Inside the Mind of a Serial Killer*, said he believed they would have created their own "adventure story" of being involved in "some extreme and unusual sexual activities which, from time to time, led to people dying".

He said: "My guess is that the Wests would have discussed it with themselves along the lines of everybody having a good time."

When a couple were involved in serial killings they were both likely to be types who saw other people as there to be "exploited, abused and made use of", and they would feed off each other's desires. To some extent the horrific acts which they carry out grow to be a response to what the other would want," he said.

The fact that neither made a move to stop the other would also have encouraged them to continue with the murders.

Victims of Cromwell Street: Juanita Mott, Carol-Ann Cooper, Alison Chambers, Linda Gough, Shirley Hubbard and Shirley Robinson

Lost souls whose refuge became their grave

MOST of the Wests' young victims had severed all links with their families by running away from home or from local authority care. To the outside world Cromwell Street was a refuge for the flotsam and jetsam of life, but for the runaways it provided a home from home.

Shirley Robinson was born in October 1959 in Germany of a British father and a German mother. She moved into Cromwell Street and was eight months' pregnant by Frederick West when she disappeared in April 1978. She had written to her father, who formerly served with the RAF and was running a pub in Cologne: "I am expecting a child from Freddy. We are in love." A foetus was found alongside her remains.

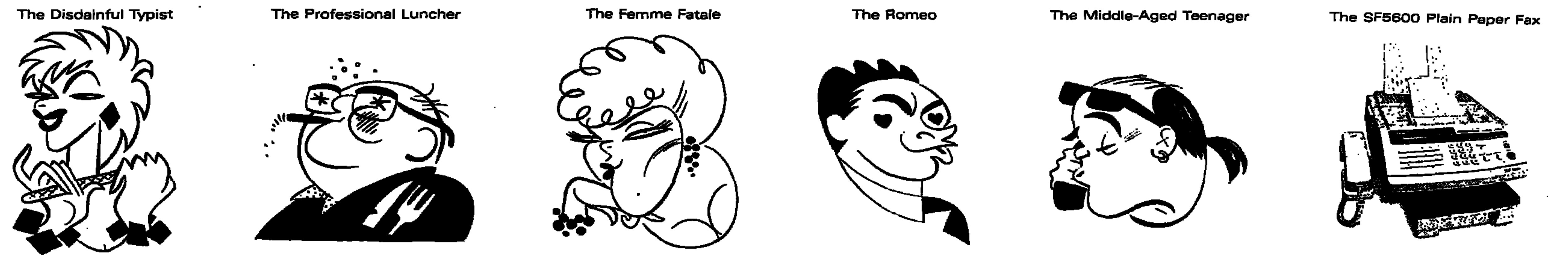
OTHER VICTIMS

Alison Chambers, born in September 1962, was also the daughter of a British serviceman serving in Germany. She was described as "a troubled teenager". She was living in a children's home in Gloucester and working as a trainee at a solicitor's office when she vanished in September 1979. Her disappearance was never reported to police although the Missing Persons Bureau was informed. Her remains were the second set recovered from Cromwell Street.

Lynda Gough, born in May 1953, vanished in April 1973 from Gloucester where she had rented a flat and worked as a seamstress. Hers was the eighth set of bones found.

Juanita Mott, born in March 1957, was the daughter of an American serviceman and lived at Newent, near Gloucester. She was unemployed when she vanished on April 11, 1975. Her disappearance was never reported to the police but her family did contact the media. Identification of her remains, found on March 6, 1994, proved difficult as there were no dental records. Carol Ann Cooper, known as Caz, disappeared on November 10, 1973. She had been living at The Pines children's home in Worcester and was spending the weekend with her grandmother. She vanished after boarding a bus home after a day out with a boyfriend. Police were informed. She was the ninth and last victim found at Cromwell Street on March 10, 1994.

Shirley Hubbard, born in June 1959, vanished aged 15 on November 14, 1974. She was on work experience in Worcester and was seen returning home. Hers were the fifth set of remains found on March 5, 1994.



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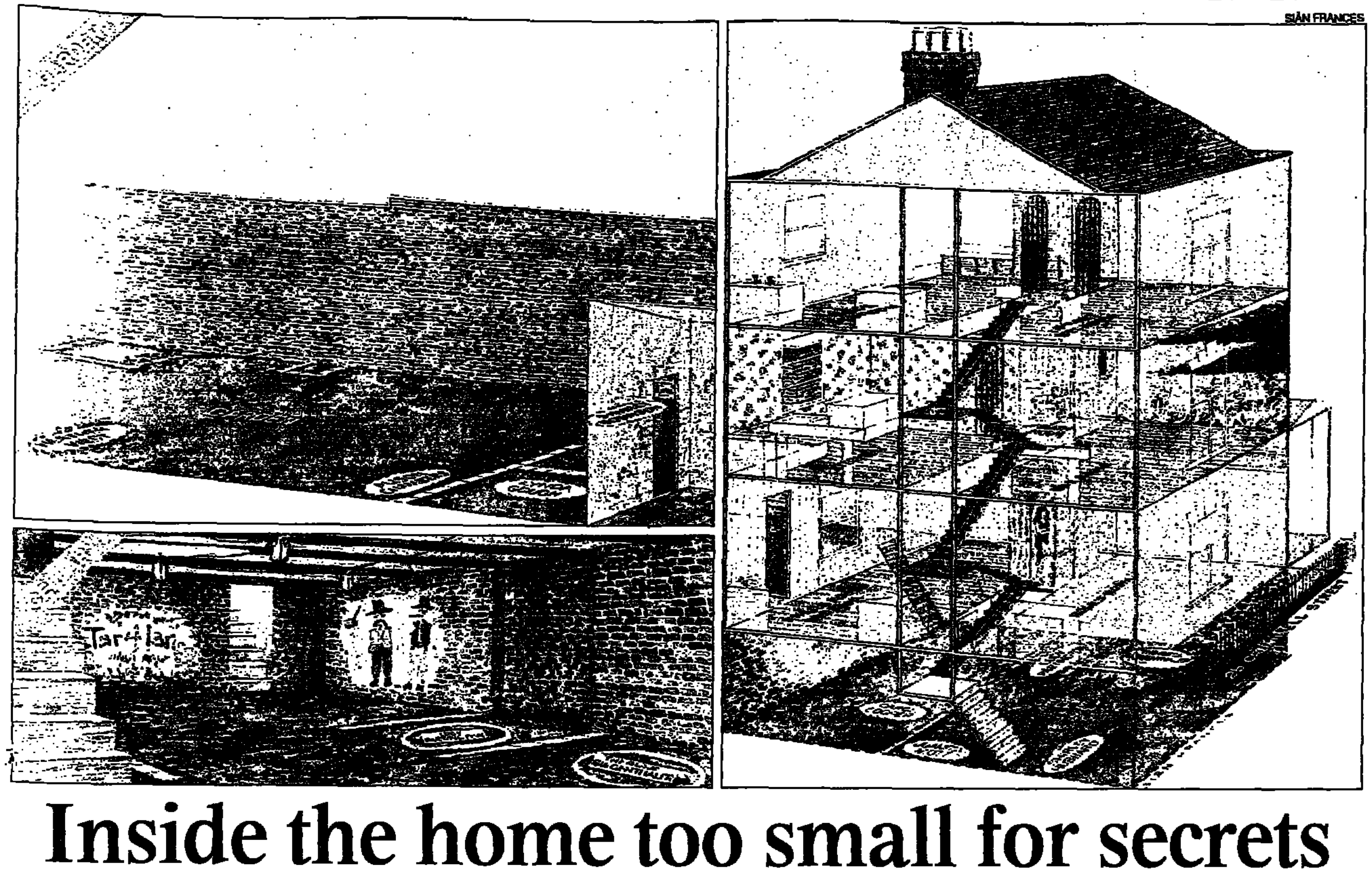

SIÂN FRANCES

Inside the home too small for secrets

Duncan Campbell was allowed inside 25 Cromwell Street as a representative of the national press. He describes what he saw in the so-called House of Horror

A WHITE ribbon in the shape of a square and a card inscribed "Heather West" marks the place in the back garden of 25 Cromwell Street where the Wests' eldest daughter was found.

The patio under which she was buried has been dug up now and the surface of the back garden, where they used to hold their family barbecues, is now uneven dirt and gravel. The places where the bodies of Alison Chambers, Shirley Robinson and Lynda Gough were found have also been marked with white ribbon and their names.

THE HOUSE

The extension that West built has largely been torn down, its dividing walls marked by white and yellow painted stones. The front door, through which so many victims were hustled, is jungle green with 15 panels of gold, white and blue glass. On the back of an interior ground-floor door is a slightly old-fashioned, almost life-size poster of a smiling young Mediterranean woman in a black, see-through nightdress with an unmade bed behind her.

The green door to the ground-floor front room — Rose's Room as it was for some of its life — has a peephole covered by a wooden cap, set at such a height that Frederick West had to stoop only slightly to see what was going on.

Inside the room the peephole is obscured by a white horseshoe. What passes for a carpet consists of cut-up squares of carpet material in garish purple, green, orange and blue. Above the place where the bed would have been are two lights fixed at an angle on to the wall and pointing downwards. The wallpaper is pink and blue and there is a painting on a piece of hardboard of a yellow vase with flowers in one corner. The most striking thing about the room is how tiny it is, even without furniture.

The other ground-floor room which was the Wests' bedroom has a floral wallpaper with cornflowers set off by pink stripes. A basin and sink unit with louvered doors is in the corner and there is a white Artex ceiling with fake black beams. Miss X, a witness, described West's taste as "naff". There is nothing in this room or anywhere else in the house to suggest she was being unkind.

The brown-carpeted stairs and dull green banister take you up the 15 steps to the first floor, with its green weeping willow tree wallpaper peeling, as is most of the wallpaper in the house now. On the first floor at the back the wallpaper is a chi-chi pattern of Chianti bottles, wine glasses, corkscrews, sugar tongs, carriage clocks, old-fashioned lamps, floral plates, coffee pots and vases of flowers.

On the same floor is the bathroom — "the office" as the Wests called it — with its matching avocado bath and basin. The front room is the old bar and one wall is still covered by a tropical scene of the kind you used to see in suburban travel agents in the 1970s. On the left of the picture are bird-of-Paradise flowers familiar to tourists to the Canary Islands and a rocky cliff runs down to a beach and the clear blue sea, like a scene from a tacky rum commercial.

The rest of the room is papered in floral flock and there are two lamps with cream shades beside what was once a fireplace.

Up a further flight of 15 steps is the top back room — the mirrors room — which is papered with a silvery grey tree design. There is a mirror at ground level as you enter and mirrors on the fitted louvred wardrobe. There is a vanity unit, Artex ceiling and the same fake beams as below. On the landing a small trapdoor leads to the roof. In the front room there is a boarded-up fireplace, red floral wallpaper and a white skirting board.

Back on the ground floor again, two steps, then a turn, then a further six steps lead into the low cellar where the bodies of five victims were found. The sites are marked with a simple name card and either a small circle or square of white ribbon.

On one wall is a childlike drawing of a couple of cowboys, one with a black hat and Zapata moustache, the other with a cigar and a pistol in a holster. What looks like a squaw, with a feather in her hair, is almost obliterated by wear. The phrase "Tar 4 Ian", followed by a heart, is still visible on one wall and there are children's scribbling marks in crayon.

The most striking aspect of the house is how tiny it is, how close together the rooms are and how impossible for people within it not to know the business of others. All the bodies except Lynda Gough's were packed into tiny spaces. You are struck by how dark, low and claustrophobic the cellar was, and how terrifying it must have been to be taken in there against your will.

Life of violence and perversion began as a boy

By Bill Frost
and Richard Duce

FROM childhood, Frederick West was ruled by his own dark and sinister nature; a little boy dominated by his mother with a precocious appetite for violence and depraved sex.

Much Marcle, the village straddling the border between Gloucestershire and Herefordshire where he was brought up, was soon to learn that his apparently cheeky manner could switch swiftly to extraordinarily hostile behaviour towards those weaker than himself.

The Wests were known by other villagers as a family who kept themselves to themselves. "It was as if there was some kind of dark secret they were keeping," one said.

Ann Colburn, who went to school with the young West, said: "There was a lot of gossip about the Wests. They didn't mix like other children."

Life for the Wests in Much Marcle would have been much as it was for those who had occupied their tied cottage 100 years earlier. There was no proper sanitation and the children emptied lavatory buckets into a sewage pit.

West's mother, Daisy, was the dominant figure in the household and, despite his dysfunctional behaviour and frequent brushes with authority, he was the apple of her eye.

His sexual appetites became increasingly perverse as he grew into adolescence. He would force himself on village girls whenever he found them alone. There were complaints to his school about his conduct. However, his mother would never listen to a word against him and would berate teachers in front of other pupils for picking on her son.

Robert Williams, a contemporary who is now 53, said West was "neither gifted nor a tryer. He was really scruffy, dirty and untidy." Ann Colburn said he was "always in trouble at school" and "not very bright at all".

Yet not even a charge of making an underage girl pregnant while he himself was still a minor could dent his mother's love. The case collapsed when the girl refused to give evidence. But West learnt nothing from the experience.

THE YOUNG FREDERICK WEST

He still pursued village girls, even when soundly beaten by their boyfriends.

While still a teenager he launched a violent sexual assault against a young woman who rejected his advances at a dance. On another occasion he deliberately rode his motorcycle at a girl he believed had snubbed him.

However, even after the truth about him was revealed, there were those who expressed astonishment that this "easy-going man" could be a multiple murderer. The day after he was found hanged in his prison cell at Winson Green, his sister-in-law Christine West said: "Even now we still can't believe all that has happened. The Fred we remember is a kind, gentle family man who was a workaholic. It is like Jekyll and Hyde."

West as a boy: he forced himself on village girls

West's son Stephen, who visited his father frequently in prison, said he believed that he planned his death. "He told me, 'If they take their eyes off me, I will be gone.' "

He made a rope from strips torn from his blanket, twisted to give extra strength and sewn together to prevent them unfurling. One end was made into a noose, the other was wound in tape and knotted through a grille above the door. It was the only thing in the cell to which he could attach the makeshift rope.

He apparently stood on his plastic chair, then kicked it away. The full inquest into his death is expected to be held early next year.

House where the children were 'unnaturally subdued'

FREDERICK and Rosemary West married at Gloucester Register Office on January 29, 1972, but none of her family was invited (Bill Frost and Richard Duce write). Relatives were likely to be greeted with outright rudeness if they called at the couple's home in Cromwell Street.

One couple were allowed past this hostile barrier and into the West household: Graham Letts, Rosemary's brother, and his wife Barbara. "Rosie and Fred were always fine with us," Mr Letts said. "Sometimes when we called, Fred would sit quietly in a corner, which was his way of saying he'd rather we weren't there."

Mr Letts, 38, said: "There was something eerie about the atmosphere there. The children were always immaculately turned out. Their manners were impeccable. But they were so subdued it was unnatural. Whenever we walked into the house there was never any noise. We thought it was odd because even with nine or ten children around the place you'd hear a pin drop.

THE FAMILY

"Barbara and I felt it was probably because Rosie was so strict with them. If the children looked like playing up, just a half glance from Rosie was enough. It reminded me in some ways of our mum and dad when we were kids.

Rosie was every bit as strict and seemed to be using the same tactics. Nothing was stated but the message was clear: 'If you don't do as I say you'll regret it.' "

The children were too afraid to speak of what happened in the house, though Heather West told a schoolfriend before her murder that her father used "to touch her sexually" and beat her if she complained. She said that she was terrified of both parents.

Sharon Sellick, a schoolmate, said: "I only went to her house once and it was really creepy. It was so dark and musty. I didn't hang around for long. I remember Heather would say her dad was a real bastard. She said she was going to run away because she couldn't stand it at home and was frightened."

Barbara and Graham Letts: invited into secret world

It was stories told by the younger West children after Heather's disappearance that brought police to 25 Cromwell Street in 1992, two years before the multiple murder inquiry began. They had told schoolfriends and others that she was "planted" in the garden. The complaints came to nothing: the children refused to give evidence.

In 1971 Charmaine, Frederick's daughter by his first wife Catherine "Rena" Costello, vanished at the age of seven. "We visited Rosie and Fred every week," Mr Letts said. "One afternoon I noticed Charmaine wasn't there. Fred explained she had gone to live with her mother in Scotland."

The family grew rapidly between 1970 and 1983. Mae, the eldest, is now 22, Stephen 21, Tara 17, Louise 16, Barry 15, Rosemary 14 and Lucyanna 12. On Frederick West's own admission, three of the children were fathered by other men.

In June 1987 Heather, 16, went missing. Before she vanished she had become very withdrawn and quiet, Mr Letts said. Of all the children, she was his favourite. "She was every mother's dream: pretty, polite, well-behaved and helpful. She was lovely, a butterfly. It made me so angry when we'd see little Heather doing all the housework.

"When I asked where she had gone Fred said she'd gone off with a lesbian in a blue Mini. They insisted she had run away. Fred had a saying about his children: they're either in or out. He meant that if they left they were out of the family. If they were in, they stayed quiet about everything they saw."

There was much about life at 25 Cromwell Street that struck Mr Letts as peculiar. However, he was among the last to discover that his sister had become a prostitute with the blessing of her husband.

"It was obvious that she'd slept about outside her marriage. But Rosie is my sister and I didn't want to think any of the prostitute rumours could be true. But the clues were all there: the telephones, the layout of the house and the fact the children were always so well dressed. Where was all the money coming from?"

Eventually Mr Letts confronted his sister. She confessed immediately. "What shocked me most was how casual she was about the whole thing. She and Fred seemed to take pride in how slick the operation was. Sometimes clients would visit the house. We'd be sitting downstairs with her husband while Rosie would be looking after a customer upstairs. Fred was pleased that she could pull some high-class punters."

When they first visited the house Mr and Mrs Letts were told that the upper floors were "strictly out of bounds". However, the Wests were later to show off their secret world and attempt to lure the couple into their violent and depraved activities.

"It was obvious Fred had an abnormal sex drive," Mrs Letts said. "As time went on it got more and more out of control. If we stayed for any length of time, he and Rosie would have to disappear upstairs for sex. They were quite open about it.

"One time they showed me a blue bottle which had been sealed. Inside were a pair of Rosemary's knickers. She said she'd worn them during a fantastic sex session with Fred. She wanted to preserve them as a souvenir.

"Eventually we were invited upstairs to the private room right at the top. There were naked pictures of her in frames all over the top of the house and a bar. They had a huge video library.

"Rosie chose one but I could only see a few minutes. It was the most sick film I have ever seen. There were humans and animals involved in disgusting sex acts. I had to walk out. I think it was her way of trying to initiate us into their world but we just didn't want to know."

Stephen West said he "hated his father's guts" for what the family had been through, but still loved his mother. "I wish I could have been born into a different family. Sometimes I wake up and think I am a kid again, back in my old bedroom at Cromwell Street, and everything is OK. But it doesn't take long for me to realise that we can never again have our home life together. This nightmare is true."

Mr Letts remains haunted by the possibility that he might have helped unwittingly to entomb some the Wests' victims while he assisted with one of the many do-it-yourself projects at 25 Cromwell Street. He said that in the summer of 1987 he worked with his brother-in-law on concreting the cellar, which he was told was being converted into two rooms for the children.

"Throughout it all Fred was laughing and joking — he was enjoying himself. Now I know what was underneath I feel sick. I helped to bury some of those poor mites. It will haunt me until my dying day."

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Outbreak 'mishandled'

Children at meningitis school may be kept home

By Edward Gorman

PARENTS at a Lincoln school where two pupils have died from meningitis and a third is critically ill yesterday threatened to keep their children at home when the school reopens next Monday.

Some of the parents of pupils at City School say the school and the local health authority have mishandled the outbreak. They believe moves to stop the disease spreading have been piecemeal and fear this may lead to further cases at the school which was closed on Monday.

One mother with three children at the school, said: "We're all frightened. One woman has sent her children to Yorkshire."

Diane Bing, whose 15-year-old daughter Alaina is a friend of Caroline East, 14, who is seriously ill in hospital, said the school and county health officials had not reacted quickly enough. "They should have done something after the first case last month. They have given everybody antibiotics but why didn't they do that after the first case when they knew it could be passed on? It seems they've left it a bit late."

The school called pupils and parents in yesterday to complete the distribution of antibiotics to all pupils. At first they were given only to pupils between the ages of 13 and 16. Parents have been assured that every effort is being made to trace the cause of the outbreak.

In addition to Caroline East, who fell ill at the weekend, an unnamed man in his 40s from the Lincoln area is critically ill in a Nottingham hospital with meningitis. The two cases come after the deaths of four people, including the two schoolchildren.

Michael Le Geyt, consultant in communicable diseases at Lincolnshire Health Authority, defended the way the outbreak was being handled and the decision not to distribute antibiotics to the entire school earlier. He said that antibiotics increased resistance by only 50 per cent and, in any case, there were at first not enough tablets available for the whole school. He also denied that children were more vulnerable at school than at home.

The health authority is working with the public health laboratory in the county and with specialists from the clinical disease surveillance centre in London, to try to pinpoint the cause of the outbreak. Mr Le Geyt said: "We are looking at options that [parents] haven't even thought of but there is no point in just doing things that aren't likely to work."

Barbara Peck, the head teacher, said she planned to re-open the school on Monday and would be writing to parents to explain the position. She acknowledged, however, that many parents may be reluctant to take her advice.

"The school is as safe an environment as it can possibly be because of the action that's been taken," she said. "It's important that people realise that this is not something that's lurking in the school building. There is no reason why the school should not resume as normal."

A helpline is being set up at the school tomorrow which will be staffed by trained counsellors and will remain open throughout the weekend.

SYMPTOMS

In its early stages meningitis can be difficult to distinguish from flu. Viral meningitis is a mild flu-like illness that requires no special treatment. Bacterial meningitis is life threatening.

The symptoms of bacterial meningitis include fever, headache and nausea, which may be accompanied by a stiff neck and a rash. The bacteria can be spread only by direct personal contact — kissing or sharing a glass or cigarette.

Most deaths are caused by a complication called meningococcal septicaemia in which the infection is spread throughout the body by the bloodstream causing multi-organ failure. Early treatment with large doses of antibiotics given direct into a vein can save lives but in some cases the disease strikes so fast that nothing is effective.

Symptoms of meningococcal septicaemia are fever with vomiting, rash, cold hands and feet, rapid breathing and pains in the stomach, muscles and joints.

PHILIP REES

Residents of the wooden village defying bailiffs who were sent to evict them from Holt's Field yesterday

Families battle bailiffs over village

By Ian Murray

FAMILIES living in a woodland chalet village were last night preparing to face bailiffs armed with pneumatic drills and bolt cutters at dawn. After losing a six-year legal battle for possession of the land at Holt's Field on the Gower Peninsula in West Glamorgan, the first two of the 27 families on the site were evicted from their wooden homes yesterday.

Bailiffs arrived at first light at the three chalets for which the courts have granted a possession order. They withdrew nearly five hours later without managing to seize the third home after residents and supporters, including the local vicar, chained themselves to concrete blocks.

The Rev Chris Lee said: "I joined them because I believe that what is being done is immoral vandalism. We are witnessing the destruction of a community spirit and a way of life that is unique." Mr Lee, who has an emergency bleeper to summon him to the village from St Tilo's rectory, was chained by his neck to a concrete block yesterday.

The residents, some who have been there for more than 20 years, have been fighting for their homes since the land was bought by a local development company, Elitestone, run by Timothy Jones, a Swansea solicitor.

Although the High Court turned down his application for planning permission, the Court of Appeal ruled that the chalets are mobile homes and therefore the residents need his permission to stay, which he denied.

Channel 5 licence to be contested

By Frances Gibb

VIRGIN Television yesterday won leave to challenge the legality of the Independent Television Commission's decision to award the licence for operating Channel 5 to a rival bidder.

The Virgin consortium is mounting the High Court action after offering the same cash amount as the successful bidder, Channel 5 Broadcasting, but failing the "quality threshold" test.

Yesterday Mr Justice Judge ruled that Virgin, a consortium including Richard Branson's entertainment empire, had an arguable case that the ITC decision was flawed by "illegality, irrationality and procedural impropriety".

Anthony Scrivener, QC, counsel for Virgin Television, argued that the ITC had exceeded and abused its power, broken the rules of natural justice and that its decision was irrational.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ulster parties refuse to unite for Clinton

The White House is trying to persuade Unionist and nationalist politicians in Northern Ireland to meet President Clinton under the same roof when he visits Belfast next week. American officials are working on the possibility that Mr Clinton could meet them in separate rooms at a reception at Queen's University next Thursday. However, Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, has said he will not queue "like a little boy" to meet the president under the same roof as Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader. The president will hold a seperate 45-minute meeting with David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, on Thursday night.

Life for tea dance killer

Edward Martin, 68, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, wept as he was convicted and jailed for life for the murder of his 80-year-old love rival. Martin stabbed Warwick Batchelor more than 20 times after both men became besotted with June Cuxson, 52, Lewes Crown Court was told. Martin first met the divorcee at a tea dance.

Hawking's big question

Professor Stephen Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, gave the Waterstone's Lecture, supported by *The Times* and Icon Books, at the Royal Albert Hall. His subject — Does God throw dice in black holes? — addressed a question first raised by the philosopher Laplace.

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Burglar jailed for killing

A burglar who killed a man by crushing him against a wall with his own car was jailed for six years. Frank Connell clung to the bonnet when Mark Weston tried to escape in his car after burgling his home on Christmas Eve. Weston, of Swinton, Greater Manchester, was cleared of murder by a jury at Manchester Crown Court but convicted of manslaughter.

Pit bull terrier freed

Two High Court judges ordered that Dempsey, a pit bull terrier, be freed by police. The dog has been held since 1992 when it was ordered to be destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Act for not wearing a muzzle, removed while it was sick.

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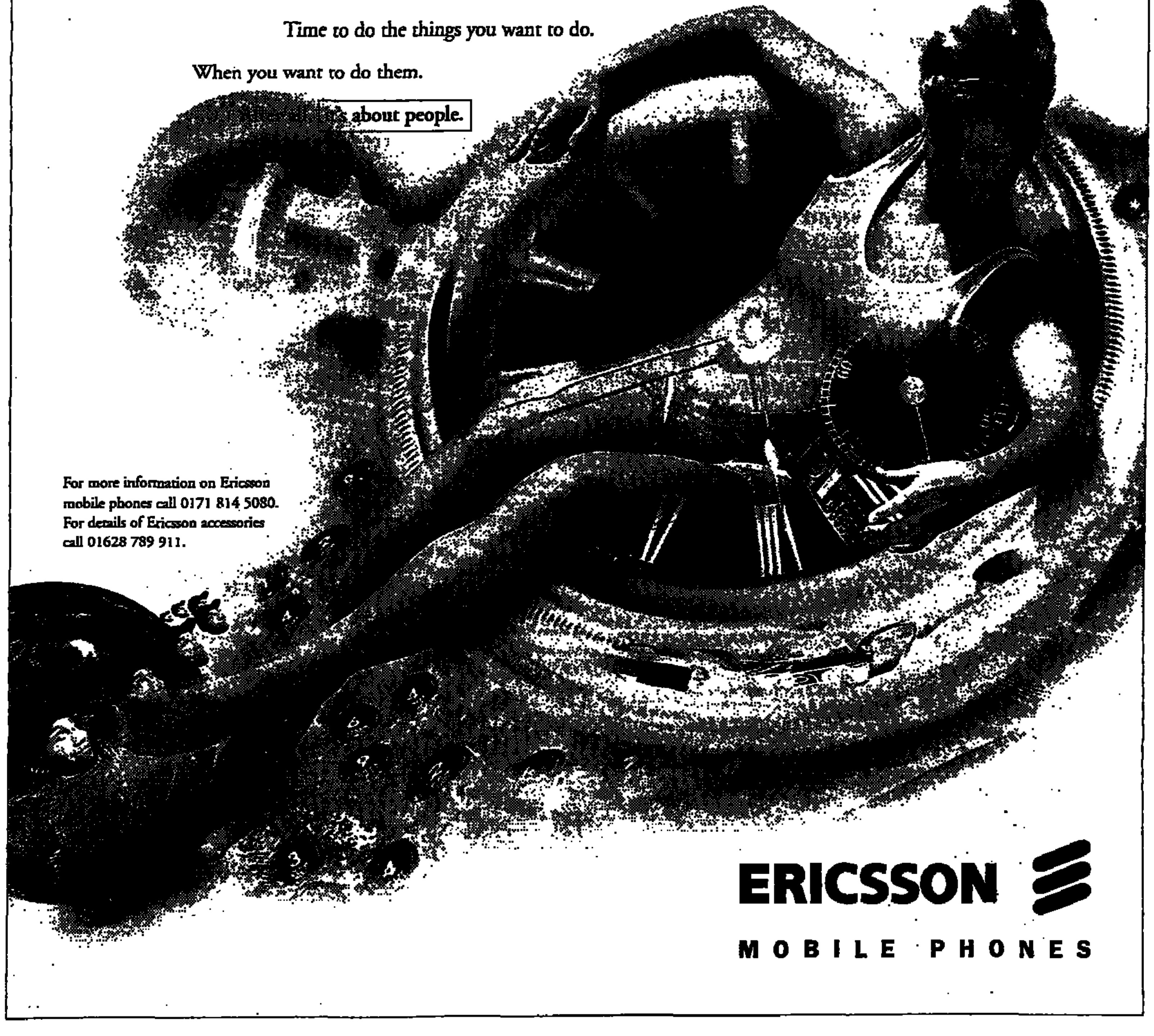

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Major plans renaissance for the arts in schools

By Russell Jenkins

JOHN MAJOR is planning an arts revolution in schools, using National Lottery money, to parallel his initiative to revive school sport. It is hoped that every child will have a chance to develop as an artist, actor or musician, and the talents of high-flyers will be developed by seasoned professionals.

The Prime Minister fears that children's cultural horizons are limited by computer games and television shows such as *Gladiators* and *Baywatch*. He wants to spark a classroom renaissance by giving the arts a bigger role in the curriculum and linking with outside organisations.

From the new year the initiative will encourage teachers to promote the arts, including ballet, opera, sculpture and classical drama, through after-school activities. Like team sport, musical and dramatic productions have declined in recent years in state schools.

Ministers are considering using lottery proceeds to foster a direct relationship between schools and artistic centres of excellence, using the prospect of big cash grants to win the support of artistic directors. Schools would link up with theatres, orchestral concert halls and art galleries for visits and training.

A senior Whitehall source said: "The huge grants to the Royal Opera House and to Sadler's Wells will look more acceptable when people see that their sons and daughters are getting direct benefit. It could manifest itself as open days, for school children."

A pioneering youth theatre company is expected to receive £4.45 million from the Arts Council's National Lottery funds today. Contact Theatre, where writers such as Alan Bleasdale cut their teeth, will use the cash to transform its building into a "major architectural landmark" in Manchester. The Oxford Playhouse is to receive £2.5 million to complete a renovation programme.

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Bedclothes were 'washed in bleach' after male barrister stayed the night

MP's wife 'feared he had become homosexual'

By Tim Jones

THE wife of a Tory MP turned the family home upside down and drenched bedclothes in bleach after she suspected him of having slept there with a male colleague, a High Court jury was told yesterday. On another occasion she asked David Ashby whether he was "a poof" like his brother.

Geoffrey Shaw, QC, for Mr Ashby, said his client had found Silvana Ashby's allegations hurtful because his brother was dying. "He did not admit he was a homosexual because he is not one."

Mr Ashby, 55, who has represented Leicestershire North West since 1983, is suing for libel over an article in *The Sunday Times* that he claims made him out to be a "homosexual, liar and hypocrite".

Mr Shaw said a fellow barrister had stayed at Mr Ashby's home in Ravenstone, Leicestershire, when they were on a case together to save money on a hotel. "She put the bedclothes in raw bleach, it must be fairly obvious what she thought had been done to them." Mr Shaw also alleged that Mr Ashby's sister, Lynne Garling, had turned against him and, with Mrs Ashby, was collecting evidence with the intention of taking it to the newspapers. The action arises from a report published in the paper last year which alleged that Mr Ashby shared a double bed while on a trip to Goa in India.

It claimed that Mr Ashby and an unnamed man spent a night at the Silver Sands Hotel which was a "lovenest that asked few questions about its guests". Mr Shaw said that while it was true that Mr Ashby had spent one night at the hotel, he was alone and had not shared the room with a male friend.

The report also claimed Mr Ashby had previously denied an affair with a male friend after they slept together in a large double bed in France. Mr Ashby said they had shared the room to save money.

Times Newspapers Limited, and Andrew Neil, former Editor of *The Sunday Times*, deny libel. Mr Shaw said their defence of justification included the assertion that Mr Ashby was carrying on a homosexual relationship with a Dr Ciaran Kilduff.

David and Silvana Ashby, who married after meeting on a skiing holiday and having a whirlwind romance

He said Mr Ashby had met Dr Kilduff when he was flat hunting during the course of the break-up of his marriage. His flat in Putney, southwest London, was directly above the doctor's flat and they became friends. The newspaper claimed Mr Ashby had bought the flat because he wished to live close to the doctor. Mr Ashby's evidence would be that he met Dr Kilduff while he was looking for a flat and after he had decided to leave his wife.

Mr Shaw said Mr Ashby had married his Italian-born wife, whom he met on a skiing holiday, after a whirlwind romance. Their only child, Alexandra, was born three years later. Mrs Ashby, he said, had always been jealous, and during the last election had claimed her husband was having an affair with a female helper.

Alexandra loved both her parents but would give evidence for her father relating to a holiday when her mother accused her and another girl who were sharing a beach changing room of being lesbians.

In addition, Mr Shaw said, Mrs Ashby found it difficult to cope with the fact that Mr Ashby's late brother, Brian, had been in a stable homosexual relationship. It was possible that she harboured an irrational fear that Mr Ashby would turn out like his brother.

Mr Shaw suggested Mrs Ashby's jealousy arose because she disliked the amount of time he was away from her, being a barrister and an MP spending time in men's company. In fact, Mr Ashby had not been interested in sex since the late 1980s as he had to take medication that could lead to impotence. He also suffered from depression as his marriage had degenerated into a state of constant rows and he had suffered losses at Lloyd's.

The case continues.

Kilduff: his flat was below Mr Ashby's

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police delay trials of CS gas

A trial of CS gas sprays to be given to police officers for their personal defence has been postponed a second time because of fears that a chemical in the sprays could damage eyesight. The gas was chosen after the Home Office rejected police requests for pepper sprays amid evidence that they might be carcinogenic and affect breathing. A police spokesman said the fault did not lie in the CS gas itself and trials would be held.

'Bull bar' ban

CGA Direct, an insurance company, yesterday announced a ban on cover for cars and vans fitted with "bull bars", which are believed to cause 35 deaths and 350 serious injuries in Britain each year. The company is urging other insurers to follow suit.

MP's son guilty

The son of a Tory MP was warned by Solihull magistrates he could face jail after he admitted taking his father's Jaguar and crashing it after a drinking spree. The case involving Ben Butcher, 19, son of John Butcher, a Coventry MP, was adjourned for reports.

CORRECTION

John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, did not insist that applicants for the post of his constituency secretary should be Roman Catholics (Diary, November 13). We apologise for the error.

Mice provide clue to violence in men

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE mysterious deaths of mutant mice in a university laboratory have provided a clue to aggression and violent sexual behaviour in humans.

Scientists arriving in the morning often found one or two animals dead in each cage of five mice. Close examination of the behaviour of the mice, which were originally bred to investigate the role of nitric oxide in the brain, showed that although they appeared to be normal they were highly aggressive and sexually importunate.

Males that were housed together would kill each other, and were also much more prone to attack ordinary mice. When allowed to have access to females, the males would continue trying to mate with them long after ordinary mice would have given up, in spite of protests from the females.

The team at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, led by Dr Solomon Snyder, reports in *Nature* that the discovery may help to explain violent behaviour in other mammals, including man. Nitric oxide — normally a gas — has been shown to be a neurotransmitter, carrying nerve signals about the brain. It is found in high densities in the parts of the brain that control emotions.

The mutant mice had been bred so that they lacked the gene responsible for producing the enzyme nitric oxide synthase in their brains. The mice had no physical differences to ordinary mice. They had the same sex hormone levels, were no stronger and no more prone to fear. But the males were violent sexual predators. The females, however, appeared to have no abnormalities of behaviour.

This is not the first time a violent breed of mice has been produced. In earlier experiments mice lacking another enzyme, monoamine oxidase A, were also shown to display aggressive behaviour. A Dutch family with the same defect had a history of violence which suggests, the scientists say, that what is true of mice may also apply to men. If so, it may open up the possibility of developing treatments for men convicted of violent and sexual crimes.

Gas meter could save lives

A GAS METER that could save lives has won the £50,000 MacRobert Award, Britain's top engineering prize (writes Nigel Hawkes, science editor).

The meter measures the speed of gas flow and could be developed to shut off supply in case of leaks, blockages or fires. A miniature version has been created for use in babies' incubators to make sure the air flow is not too great.

A team from British Gas Research and Technology and Gill Electronic R & D was yesterday presented with the award by the Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, which administers the prize.

The meter measures the speed of a burst of ultrasound through gas flowing along a tube. The burst is timed upstream and downstream, and the meter makes use of the fact that the sound travels faster with the flow than against it — just as a shout downwind will reach its target ahead of one the same distance away upwind.

"The timing circuits have to measure to one billionth of a second," Dr Norman Chapman of British Gas, one of the award winners, said. The meter makes one measurement every two seconds, and is accurate to within 1 per cent. Batteries should need replacing only every ten years.

At present, the meters are read in the same way as conventional meters, but could be adapted for remote reading over a telephone line or by radio signals. The next generation of the meters, now being tested, incorporates a valve that can shut off the supply. Linked to detectors, it could be triggered by smoke, methane — indicating a gas leak — or carbon monoxide.

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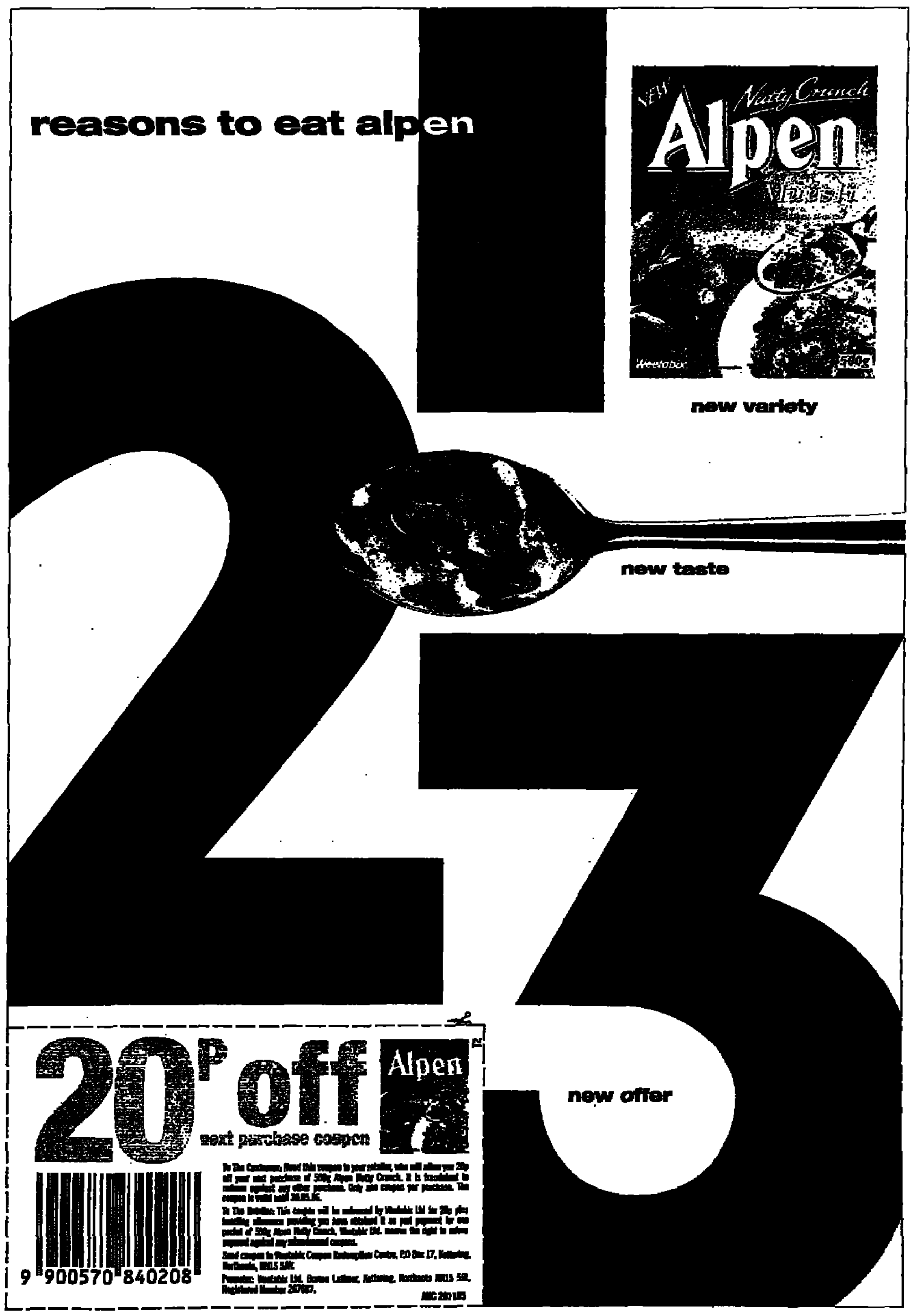

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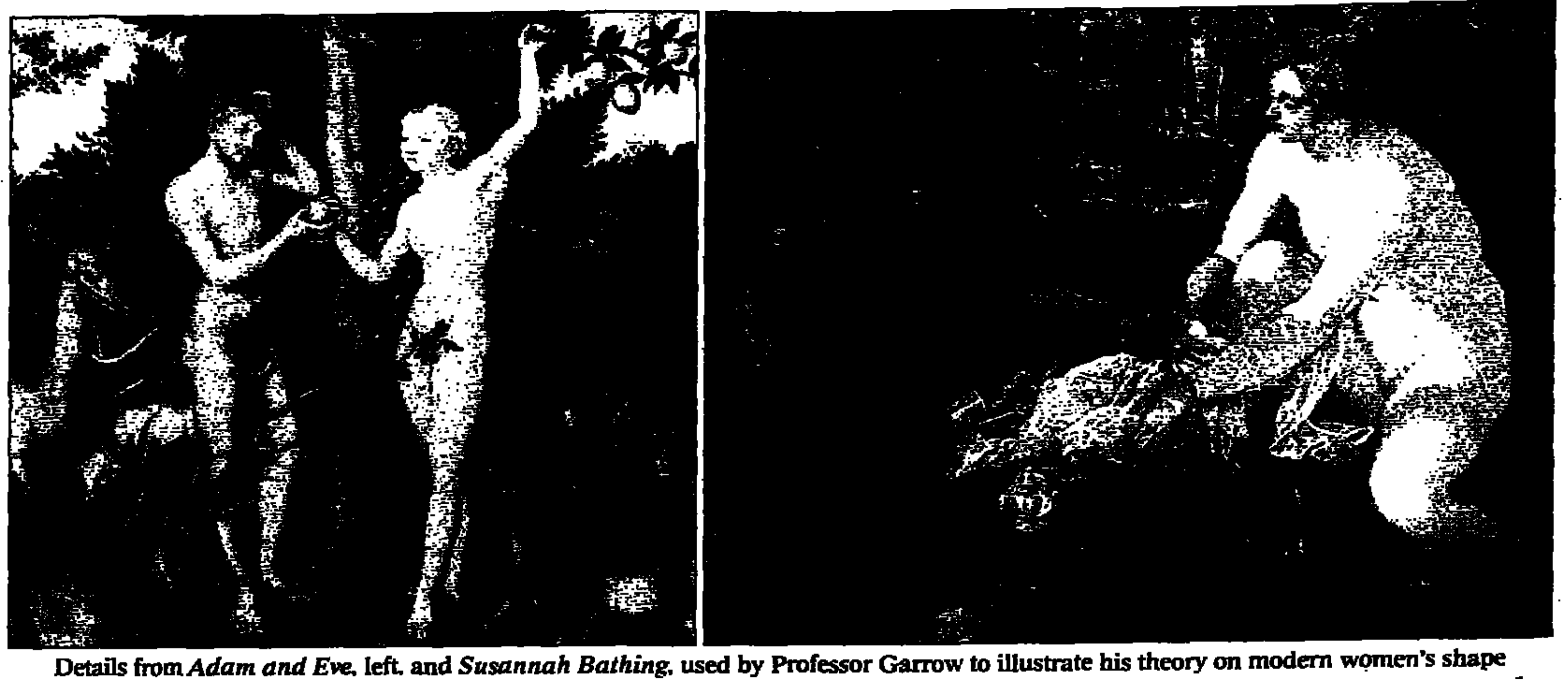
History embraces the slender, says diet expert

By Jeremy Laurance
and Dalya Alberge

THE fashion for women to be slim is at least 400 years old and cannot be blamed on the preferences of modern clothes designers, magazine editors or men, according to an expert on obesity. Professor John Garrow said a review of painting over the centuries showed that artists had chosen slightly built women as their models as frequently as amply endowed ones.

"The idea that the aesthetics of the female form is a modern imposition is not true," he told a conference in London. "If you go through the National Gallery and examine all the paintings of Venus or other mythological figures you will find they vary from being quite plump to quite thin over the centuries. There is a lot of biased reporting, some of it by feminists, that the modern ideal of slender womanhood is something got up by male doctors and others. It isn't so."

Professor Garrow, editor of the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition* and former professor of human nutrition at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London, was speaking at a conference organised by the Association for the Study of Obesity at Bart's. He cited the examples of Tintoretto's *Susannah Bathing*, painted in 1555-56 and now in Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna; and Cranach the Elder's *Adam and Eve*, painted five years earlier and now in the Courtauld Institute, London. Using a measure of fatness — the body mass index (BMI), which is based on weight and height — Professor Garrow estimated that Susannah had a BMI of 29, verging on the obese, and Eve had a BMI of 19, close to anorexic. "It isn't true that being thin is a modern phenomenon," he said.



Details from *Adam and Eve*, left, and *Susannah Bathing*, used by Professor Garrow to illustrate his theory on modern women's shape

Kathleen Adler, head of education at the National Gallery, disagreed with Professor Garrow's theory. Although standards of beauty had changed over the centuries, there had never been a fashion for emaciated slenderness, she said. Cranach's women were slender, with pronounced abdomens: they were never as thin as today's models. She said that Manet's *Olympia* had been criticised in the 19th century for her thinness, "yet it does not look thin by today's standards". However thin, she added, the figures had womanly hips and breasts.

Emily Black, an Old Masters expert from Sotheby's, thought the professor's findings were a "huge generalisation" and said art history was littered with examples of women of all shapes and sizes. The Italian ideal of beauty differed dramatically from the Flemish approach. Italians such as Botticelli portrayed women as tall and thin, with slim, oval faces, whereas the Flemish 17th-century artists made them "more down to earth, larger and bumpier". Cranach, she added, was among artists who painted women with rounded stomachs, a symbol of "fertility and something they thought was sexy", and Mannerist painters such as Parmigianino, whose *Madonna with the Long Neck* is in Florence's Uffizi gallery, showed the female figure as elongated and slim.

Professor Garrow said that the modern ideal woman favoured by clothes designers and fashion editors was physiologically underweight. "Models with a BMI of less than 18 are thinner than it is healthy to be."

BMI is calculated by measuring weight against height (kilograms divided by metres squared — kg/m^2). A woman 5ft 8in tall weighing 11 stone has a BMI of 23.3. Any woman of that height with a weight from just under 9 stone to just over 12 stone would fall within the desirable BMI range of 20 to 25. Above 25, the risk of diseases such as diabetes, heart conditions, gallstones and back pain grows; above 30, the obesity level, there is sharp increase in mortality.

Professor Garrow said: "If your BMI is between 20 and 25 for God's sake worry about something else, not your weight."

Church roof fund raised in one day

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

A VICAR who mounted a vigil outside his church to raise funds for roof repairs received more than £21,000 in one day — £1,000 more than the target.

The Rev John Ganjavi, rector of St John's at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, launched an appeal when he learnt that death-watch beetles had eaten through beams at the 550-year-old church.

Mr Ganjavi designated last Saturday "Gift Day" and sat outside from 9am to 5pm, leaving once to attend a wedding. He said: "I sat with the brass collection plate in front of me on a table. People came all day long and put their gifts in front of me. The gifts ranged from £5 to £1,000, with lots of people giving hundreds of pounds. We did far better than we had ever expected. Through their generosity, the people are clearly stating they want a place of worship in the heart of their town."

The beetles were discovered when workmen arrived to relead the roof of the north aisle. Churchgoers had spent two years raising £20,000 for that work. The church has 150 regular parishoners, but this time appeal envelopes were also sent to every home in the village. The roof is now expected to be repaired by Christmas.

TV cameras in towns to increase

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

TEN thousand more closed circuit television cameras are to be installed in towns and villages as part of the Government's drive to combat crime.

Hundreds of local authorities are expected to compete for £15 million in government funding for installation schemes next year. The extra monitoring is being introduced because ministers and the police are impressed by results from areas where CCTV is operating.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said yesterday: "Criminals hate the cameras. They know that CCTV allows law-abiding people to reclaim their streets and public spaces."

Cameras could prevent crime, help police to investigate crime, identify suspects and reduce the fear of crime on the streets, he said.

In Newcastle upon Tyne where CCTV was installed four years ago, the cameras have led to 800 arrests. All but six of the accused pleaded guilty and all were convicted.

The Government believes there is overwhelming public support for CCTV despite "big-brother" concerns among civil liberties groups. Police say that criminals are not simply moving to target areas without cameras.

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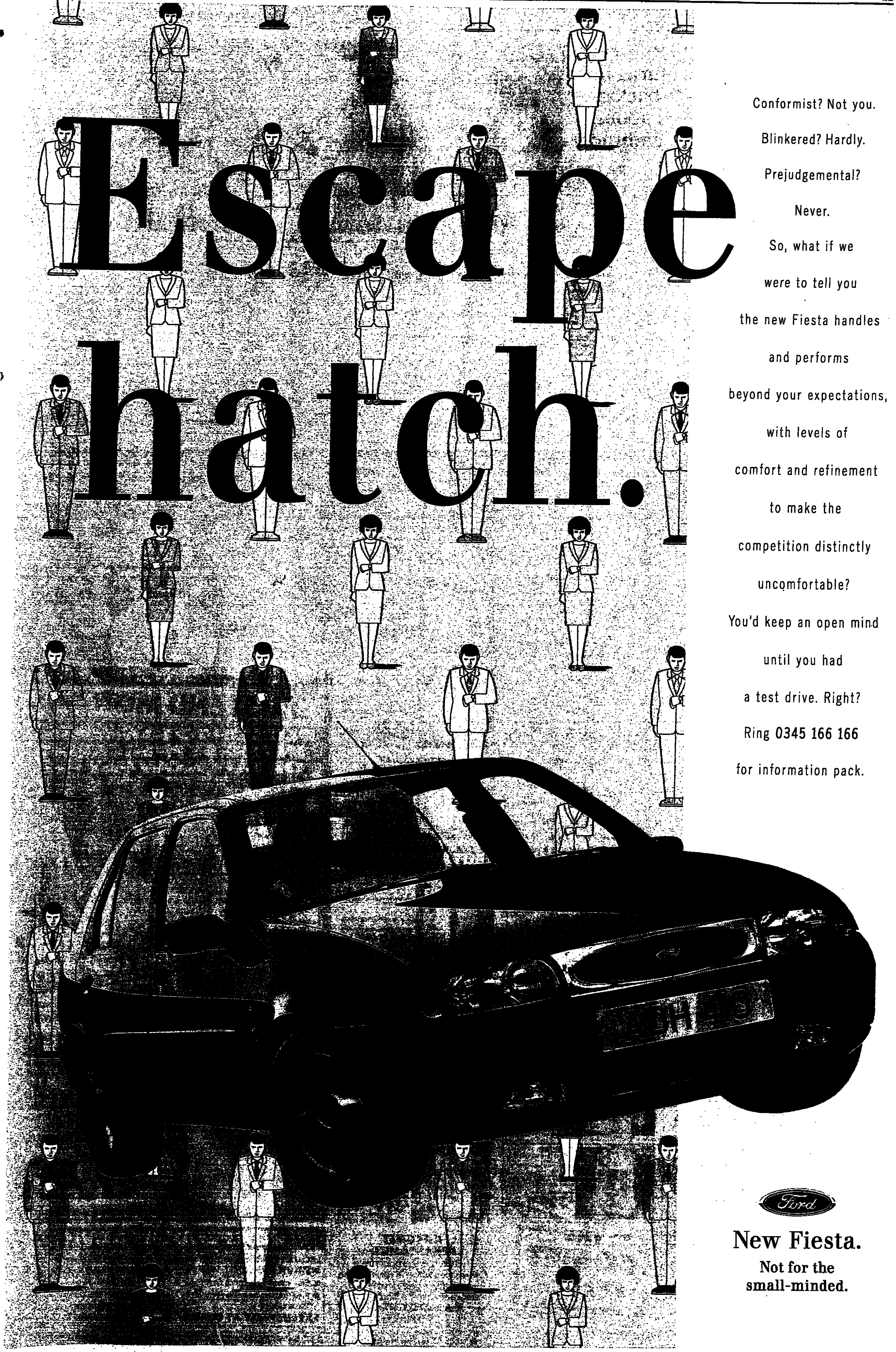
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Clarke fuels Tory hopes of tax cuts in Budget

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

KENNETH CLARKE raised Tory hopes of Budget tax cuts next week when he underlined the Government's long-term objective of reducing the basic tax rate to 20p in the pound.

The Chancellor set out his other priorities as getting government borrowing down to zero, public spending below 40 per cent of GDP and inflation below 2.5 per cent. He also reaffirmed his long-term objective of abolishing capital gains tax and inheritance tax and said that Labour's opposition to that was based on envy.

Speaking on the last day of the Queen's Speech debate and constrained by pre-Budget purdah, he told MPs: "These are clear consistent policies which we are putting into place and that's why we are delivering a recovery that is for keeps and which will increase living standards for families year after year.

"We are on our way to outperforming the rest of Europe. The 1990s are going to see this country at the head of every economic league table that matters."

He ridiculed the promise this week by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, to aim for a 10p in the pound starting rate for income tax telling the Commons it was "bizarre and ill-judged". Mr Clarke said it was "pathetic" that Mr Brown refused to go any further and give a shadow budget. "It's no good saying where's the beef — he doesn't even produce a skinny kebab by way of policy."

Mr Clarke said that while everyone in the Rose and Crown bombarded him with advice on the Budget, Mr Brown was the only man in Britain who had none to give.

Mr Brown said that Mr Clarke would still be in trouble with the electorate even if he brought taxes down by 4p in the pound. Only a 7p tax cut in the Budget on Tuesday could restore incomes to what they were in 1992. But then the Tories would almost certainly increase taxes again if they were re-elected. The Government was saying: "Judge us on our promises for the future, not on our record for the past."

He added: "We must ask them why spending in real terms is £80 billion higher than it was in 1979. The reason that they have not solved the problems of public spending is that we are paying the bills for unemployment, waste, decay and failure."

On Tuesday the Prime Minister had promised that taxes had been increased only to protect people who were vulnerable. "Tell that to the pensioners, the weakest and frailest in the country who had VAT rises imposed upon them by the Government," Mr Brown said.

The Tory Party was "simply a faction promoting the interests of a few powerful interests in this country". Their objective was to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax and boost the income of privatised utility bosses.

This policy was clearest in the sale of the National Grid announced yesterday. "A £5 billion asset, from which consumers and taxpayers will get only £1 billion in refunds on their bills."

Asking what had happened to "one-nation Toryism", Mr Brown declared: "What the country wants to know is what has happened to the social conscience of the Conservative Party, which has now almost disappeared in entirety."

Dunn criticises Fox's taste for publicity

SIR MARCUS FOX was accused yesterday of turning backbench Tory politics into a media circus as 240 MPs prepared for today's vote to elect the chairman of the 1922 Committee.

Bob Dunn, the Dartford MP and former minister challenging Sir Marcus, the present chairman, attacked his leadership in a private letter to his backbench colleagues. He pointed to Sir Marcus's age, his taste for publicity and his alleged reluctance to champion backbench opinion in dealings with John Major and the whips.

Mr Dunn also suggested that with half the 18-strong 1922 executive retiring at the next election now was the time for new blood. The party needed "clear, robust" internal communications in the run-up to the election and such discussions should be conducted in private, not in the "glare of the TV lights".

His remarks have angered some traditionalists, who see them as a breach of the no-canvassing convention.

Baroness turns her back on Labour's embrace

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Among the few hiding places on Wednesday for Londoners seeking to avoid news, views or pictures of the Rosemary West saga, the most convivial was the Lancaster Room of the Savoy Hotel.

Or 'otel, as Sheffield's emissary to the *beau monde*, Roy Hattersley, called it in his speech at the Savoy yesterday. Mr Hattersley may be the only senior Labour MP who in early northern days will have said 'otel because he was not grand enough to have aitches; has passed through a middle period in which improved status caused him to put the aitches in; and who now in his latter days at the Savoy reverts to saying 'otel because he is just too grand for aitches. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead (also present) would say 'otel, too. Do all Roys go a bit posh in the end?

Mr Hattersley's 'osts, and ours, were *The Spectator* magazine, and Highland ('Ighland?) Park Whisky. We were there for lunch, and for their annual Parliamentarian of the Year awards. There were many fine speeches, but the best came from a baroness who has for decades been a star in the Lords, at Liberal conferences and at any occasion, big or small, up and down Britain, where she can help.

The Baroness Seear is indefatigable. Sharp, honest, direct and funny, she is also (in your sketchwriter's view) uncomfortably often right. She has the knack of cutting through the waffle of political debate and going straight to the crux of any question. At 82 she can hold any audience entranced — be they Liberal students in anoraks or Tory dukes in ermine — for as long as she pleases. I have literally never been bored by this baroness.

But yesterday at the Savoy, she made the speech of her life. It consisted of one word.

The Editor of *The Spectator* had just declared her joint-winner of the judges' special award for Lords parliamentarians. Lady Seear stormed up to the rostrum. The guest of honour, Roy Hattersley, who had made a powerful [illegible] stood by to hand her the trophy.

Seear, a lifelong battler for the Liberal cause and a lady of the old school, has spent much of her political career fighting the Labour Party. Unlike so many in both Houses, she really believes her creed. But this was a moment of cross-party amity, and the photographers and TV cameras were ready.

"Kiss me," said Hattersley, "for the cameras."

The baroness's eyes flashed defiance. "No," she boomed, and sat down. There are many kinds of courage, but courage in the face of PR wisdom deserves an award all of its own.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, also received an award, for his campaigning over Bosnia. He was back in his seat in the Commons, an hour later, to hear a statement from the Foreign Secretary on the peace agreement in the former Yugoslavia. To a thin House, Malcolm Rifkind wove his way through the contradictions, dubieties and unanswered questions surrounding what he called "an historic event".

It was one of those ill-attended and fitfully observed occasions on which one senses the possible beginning of an historic mistake. Mr Rifkind couldn't really answer the questions, put to him listlessly, about what the 13,000 British troops would be there for, whether the warring parties were actually reconciled, how American doubts could be allayed, or when our troops would come home. But few wanted to push doubt too far, for fear of sounding negative. Logic fled.

I longed for a Nancy Seear.

DES JENSON

Among winners of The Spectator's awards yesterday were, from left, Michael Howard, Debater of the Year, Richard Shepherd, Parliamentarian of the Year, and John Redwood, Backbencher of the year. Mr Shepherd was chosen as the most resolute of the nine Tory rebels who lost the party whip

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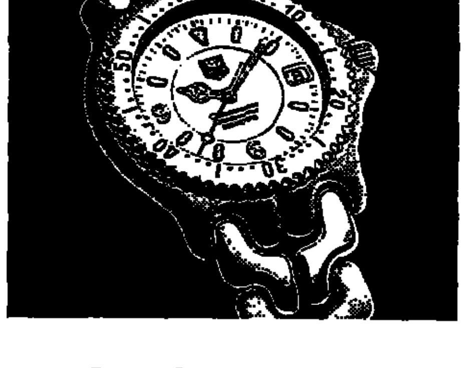

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Patten dismisses twin-track rule for Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, has announced that he will veto any attempt by China to establish a parallel government in the colony before the 1997 handover.

Mr Patten's denunciation came as Hong Kong was rocked by a claim that Peking would appoint a fully functioning government six months before taking over sovereignty.

Sir Sze-yuen Chung, one of China's powerful allies in Hong Kong, said in a speech on Tuesday: "There will be a period of time of about six months in which there are in Hong Kong two legislative councils at work. One is the British Hong Kong Government legislature and the other the Chinese Hong Kong special administrative region government legislature."

Sir Sze-yuen, 78, regarded as a front-runner for the first post-1997 chief executive and once an Executive Council member, said: "Under the circumstances, an overlapping period of about six months, in my view, is neither excessive nor unreasonable."

But Mr Patten vowed yesterday to oppose a government-in-waiting. He said: "There will be only one Government in Hong Kong before the first of July 1997. We certainly won't be prepared to consider anything which would lead to divided loyalties among civil servants or anything which would result in eroding the effectiveness of government as a whole."

Sino-British treaties on the handover state that the British will remain in control until midnight, June 30, 1997. Emily Lau, an independent legislator, called the plan a recipe for disaster. "It will be bad for business. It will be bad for stability. It will cause conflict for civil servants."

Sir Sze-yuen, admitting there was no legal basis in Chinese law for setting up a provisional legislature, said China's nominal parliament, the National People's Congress, "will probably need to pass a new law . . . to establish this provisional legislature".

Although he laid the blame for the present "sour relations" between Britain and China at London's door, he conceded that many in Hong Kong "have painful memories of their difficult lives in China and . . . the Tiananmen event rekindled their fear and resentment". But he said pro-China voices in the colony "will grow louder and louder", and he hoped the two groups would restrain their feelings "to avoid creating waves, causing instability, and hence damaging confidence".

His declaration is the latest blow to fall on Hong Kong from Peking's hand-picked Preliminary Working Committee. Three weeks ago it proposed, and Peking concurred, that Hong Kong's Bill of Rights would be dismembered in 1997. Then it was disclosed that Sir Ti-liang Yang, Chief Justice of Hong Kong, agreed with this at a dinner with a senior Communist official.

President Menem welcomes Queen Sofia of Spain to his official residence of Olivos during her private visit to Argentina in 1992

Date with Princess fulfils Menem's dream

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

WHEN President Menem of Argentina meets the Princess of Wales tomorrow it will be a wish come true, since it "has always been a dream" of his to have "tea with a member of the Royal Family".

However, the encounter may not be over tea but more likely over an Argentine steak with salad when the Princess dines at his official residence of Olivos, on the outskirts of the capital, Buenos Aires.

A Foreign Ministry official said: "He will stand side by side with the world's most famous woman. And he will have to wear his high heels, because she is much taller than him."

Señor Menem, 65, loves being seen and photographed alongside famous and beautiful women. He admits he is a ladies' man and has on occasion failed to turn up for business appointments when lunch with supermodels such as Claudia Schiffer beckoned. He also likes to be photographed playing tennis with Gabriela Sabatini.

For weeks, gossip columnists have been speculating on his latest romantic links with Xuxa, a Brazilian blonde children's television personality. In the past month, newspapers have been filled with claims by two women that he fathered their children and want him to recognise them as his offspring. Such scandals, however, do not make him politically unpopular.

Zulema Yoma: moved out in marital feud

His turbulent relationship with his estranged wife, Zulema Yoma, has also been a news item. Four years ago Señora Yoma was evicted from the residence by Señor Menem's security guards. The pair were reconciled this year after the death of their son in a helicopter crash. However, she moved out after the latest allegation over his two illegitimate children.

The media interest in the Princess of Wales — especially after her controversial television interview about her married life — will enable President Menem to share the limelight. *La Nación* described her as "a blend of Mother Teresa, Audrey Hepburn and Shirley Temple". But there has also been disapproval of her behaviour. Lita de Lazzari, the head of the League of Housewives, said: "She seems like a nice girl, but we do not like those declarations of hers saying she cheated on her husband. She is supposed to be an example to the women of the world."

Nevertheless, their meeting will enable Señor Menem to show the public that relations with Britain, renewed in 1990, have improved considerably. The two countries have signed agreements on fishing and oil. The President has been invited to visit Britain. If he accepts the offer, he will become the first Argentine President to visit Britain since the Falklands conflict 13 years ago.

For the Buenos Aires Government, the Princess's trip is another step in improving relations. As for Señor Menem, "he will become the most popular man in the land when he stands next to the beautiful Princess," said a television commentator.

Ex-commando given Israel peace mission

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

A POTENTIAL future Prime Minister was anointed yesterday when the first post-Rabin Government was approved by the Knesset and Ehud Barak, 53, who entered politics only a few months ago, was sworn in as Foreign Minister in succession to the new leader, Shimon Peres.

As Israel's most decorated soldier — he went to Beirut in 1973 disguised as a woman in the commando squad which assassinated three Palestinian leaders — Mr Barak provides the new Cabinet with the credibility over security that many Israelis believe Mr Peres lacks.

A priority of the new Foreign Secretary will be Syria. Mr Peres appealed to Damascus yesterday to forge a peace deal that eluded his assassinated predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, and his sentiments were echoed by Mr Barak in an Israel Radio interview, when he said: "I am convinced that both the Syrians and us have an interest in a comprehensive peace."

Much in the mould of Mr Rabin, also a former army chief of staff, Mr Barak was brought into the Cabinet in July as Interior Minister as soon as the 100-day period after his military retirement was over. The speed of his promotion prompted jealousy among colleagues who recognised his potential for eventually securing the number one job.

"Barak wants to be Prime Minister at any price," the Welfare Minister, Ora Namir, once said bitterly, "in the [right-wing] Likud or Labour."

Like Mr Rabin, Mr Barak has the image of a politician who will not easily give in to Arab demands.

In the past, he has argued that an Israeli military presence on the Golan Heights is a necessity and voiced caution over the pace of extending Palestinian self-rule in the occupied West Bank.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Earthquake kills ten in Middle East

Cairo: A powerful earthquake shook the Middle East from Lebanon to Sudan at dawn yesterday, causing ten deaths, at least 50 injuries and damage to buildings in Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Four people, including the manager, were killed and ten people injured when a four-storey hotel collapsed in the Egyptian port of Nuweiba, near the centre of the earthquake in the Gulf of Aqaba. The lobby of the Hilton hotel in Nuweiba collapsed and other parts of the Hilton and the Helnan hotels were damaged. *(Reuter)*

Aircraft lost

Colombo: A military AN32 transport aircraft with 62 people on board, which crashed into the sea off the northern Jaffna peninsula, was feared to have been shot down by Tamil rebels. Survivors were being sought. *(AP)*.

Blast arrests

Islamabad: Pakistani police have arrested a number of Arabs and Afghans after Sunday's suicide bombing at the Egyptian Embassy here which killed 16 people. In the central Punjab district, 200 Islamic activists were held. *(Reuter)*

Skyscraper fire

New York: A blaze in the basement of the Empire State Building filled the skyscraper with smoke. Hundreds were evacuated while more than 40 fire engines dealt with the fire, believed to have started from an electrical short circuit.

War on mines

Geneva: The International Committee of the Red Cross is launching its first worldwide advertising campaign in support of a ban on landmines. About 110 million mines in 64 countries maim more than 1,900 civilians a month.

Cold comfort

Oslo: Two Africans who stowed away on the Norwegian freighter *Polar Queen* in Cape Town hoping to reach Europe emerged seasick after three days to find they were bound for at least two weeks in the Antarctic. *(AP)*

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Ciller underlines Islamic danger in plea to Major

By Michael Dynes

THE spectre of a wave of fundamentalism engulfing secular Turkey was raised yesterday by Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, if the European Parliament failed to ratify the customs union between the European Union and Turkey in Strasbourg.

MEPs will vote on the landmark trade deal on December 13, which would give Turkey the closest ties to the EU of any non-member state, while at the same time binding it to Europe's unstable south-east flank as a bulwark against Islamic extremism.

The EU-Turkey customs union, which was agreed by Brussels and Ankara in March, is due to come into effect in January. But the deal must first be ratified by the European Parliament, which has the power to accept or reject EU external treaties. Turkish officials fear, however, that the deal could be torpedoed by a group of MEPs in protest over Turkey's human rights record.

During a lightning visit to London to drum up support for the trade accord, Mrs Ciller met John Major, the Prime Minister, and Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who gave their backing to the deal. Mr Blair was unable to assure Mrs Ciller of the support of Labour MEPs, upon whom the outcome of the vote hangs.

Mrs Ciller later said Turkey had embarked on a democratisation process, including the devolution of power from central to local government, the elimination of the legacy of the military government of the 1980s, and a modification of the anti-terrorism law used to imprison journalists and academics.

Some MEPs are adamant that Turkey has not yet done enough to prevent further human rights abuses against domestic opponents and minority groups, such as the Kurdish separatists. More than 18,000 have been killed in an 11-year campaign by Kurdish rebels fighting for autonomy. Mrs Ciller insisted the reforms were a concrete demonstration of Turkey's commitment to democracy, which could only be strengthened by closer ties to Europe.

Of 56 Muslim countries, Turkey is the only one committed to a "secular, market-oriented democracy", Mrs Ciller said. Turkey was dedicated to the values of the West, while most other Muslim countries leant towards the "Khomeini model".

With the Turkish general election due on December 24, Mrs Ciller is anxious to secure the trade deal with Europe to discredit Islamic opponents. One opinion poll has put Mrs Ciller's True Path Party three percentage points ahead of the Islamic Welfare Party.

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John Major greets Tansu Ciller at No 10 yesterday before talks on Turkey's ties with Europe. *She emphasised her country's secular, market-oriented policy*

Strikers will bring France to standstill

From Ben Macintyre
in Paris

A GENERAL strike tomorrow will plunge France into a fresh travel nightmare as millions of public sector employees protest against government plans to overhaul the welfare system.

Union leaders say the strike will disrupt rail, air and road and shut down most post offices, schools and local government offices in a replay of the general strike on October 10 which brought much of France to a standstill.

Three of tomorrow's 12 Eurostar trains from London to Paris have been cancelled in anticipation of a 36-hour strike by French railway unions beginning at 8pm tonight.

One in four trains on the high-speed TGV lines is expected to run as normal tomorrow.

Striking air traffic controllers will reduce domestic air travel to a minimum, while suburban trains, underground lines and bus services will also run at a fraction of capacity. Travel by road will hardly be easier, as millions of commuters drive to work.

About 800,000 hospital workers are expected to answer the strike call, leaving only a skeleton service, while most social security offices will also close.

More than 100,000 students and teachers took to the streets on Tuesday to demand additional government funding for education.

François Bayrou, the Education Minister, yesterday announced an emergency plan to send a "special envoy" to each of France's 90 universities to discuss grievances, but the angry students vowed to continue sit-ins and strikes to squeeze more funding out of the state.

M Bayrou's proposals included a four-year plan to redistribute existing funds in favour of "poor" universities. He said an extra Fr200 million (£26 million) would be spent annually on universities, a tenth of the sum demanded by the students.

☐ Flat rejection: Long-running allegations that President Chirac may have used his influence as Mayor of Paris to retain a cheap lease on a luxurious flat were rejected by the city prosecutor yesterday, who declared the case closed.

A Paris taxpayer had asked the prosecutor, Gabriel Bestard, to investigate whether M Chirac had illegally arranged for a company that was partly owned by the city to buy the apartment he has rented, at a fraction of the going rate, since 1977.

Yeltsin's old enemy to run in Chechenia

From Thomas de Waal
in Moscow

THE former arch-enemy of President Yeltsin, Ruslan Khasbulatov, has completed a spectacular political comeback by putting forward his candidature for elections to be the leader of Chechenia.

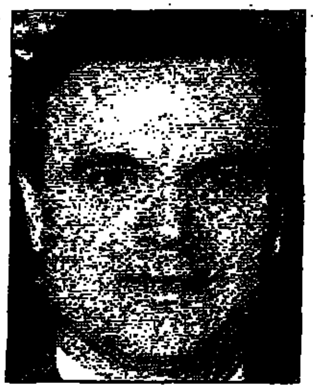
Mr Khasbulatov, an ethnic Chechen, has been nominated by his own party to run in the elections on December 17, also the date of the Russian parliamentary elections.

Many Moscow politicians have condemned the idea of holding elections in the republic after rebel Chechens supporting the former President, Dzhokhar Dudayev, have threatened to disrupt the polls, by violence if necessary. They say no elections can be held while Russian forces are still inside Chechenia.

A bomb exploded in Grozny yesterday on almost the same spot where the Moscow-installed Chechen Prime Minister, Doku Zavgayev, was slightly hurt by an explosion on Monday.

"I have agreed, but I am not entirely sure that the elections will be able to take place," Mr Khasbulatov said yesterday, when asked if he was prepared to become the President of Chechenia within Russia.

Mr Khasbulatov has excellent credentials to be a leader of national reconciliation in Chechenia. He is a long-standing enemy of General Dudayev, which makes him acceptable to the Russians, while his two-year political feud with President Yeltsin has won him credit with ordinary Chechens.



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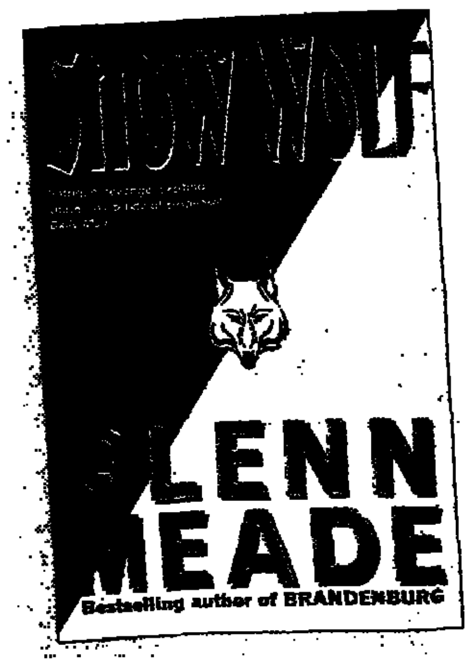

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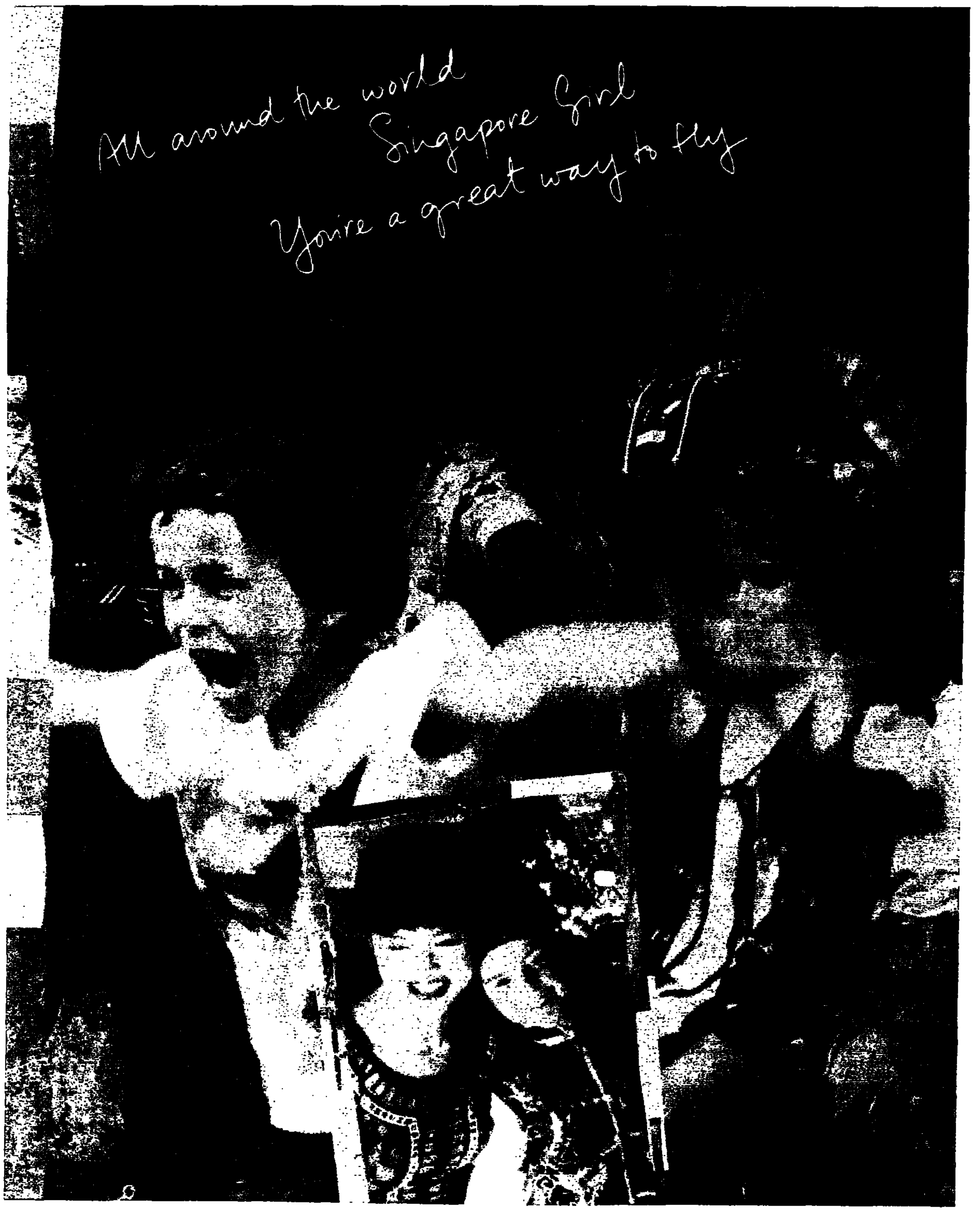

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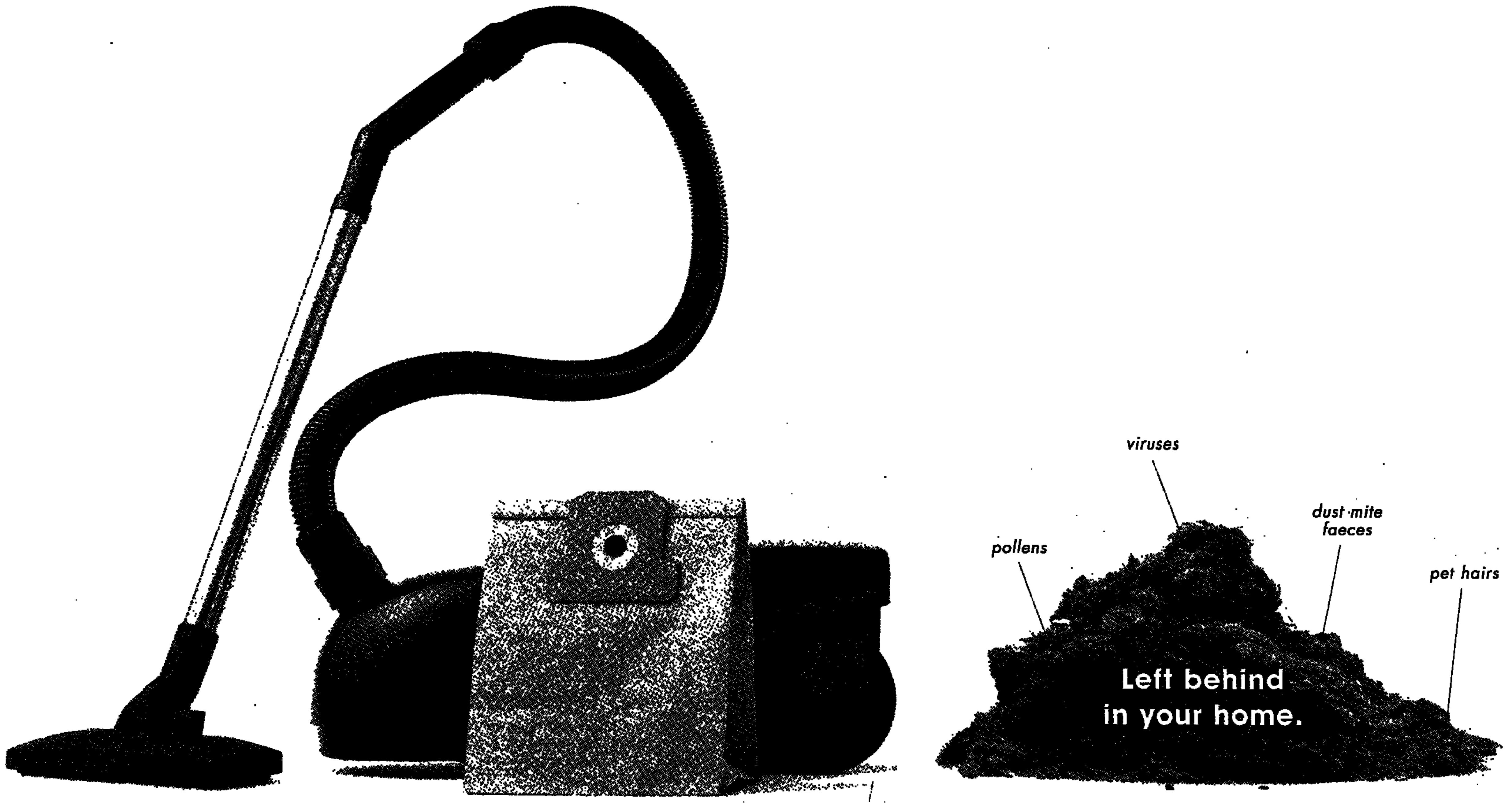

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Bosnian Serbs 'berserk' over deal as doubts grow on congressional approval

US threatens to withhold troops if peace is violated

BY TOM RHODES IN DAYTON, OHIO, AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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THE CHIEF US negotiator for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina gave a warning yesterday that America would drop plans to send troops if the warring parties failed to honour the settlement in Ohio.

As Presidents Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Tudjman of Croatia and Milosevic of Serbia faced the daunting task of selling an imperfect peace, Richard Holbrooke, the Assistant Secretary of State, said the resurrection of the Bosnian state hinged on the deal struck in Dayton after three weeks of intense and deadlocked talks.

"If the agreement is in the process of being violated before implementing it, then we are not going to go," said Mr Holbrooke, who added that America needed very "tight guarantees" before undertaking the venture to send up to 20,000 US troops.

His comments came after the Bosnian Serb delegation, joining Mr Milosevic for the American-led peace talks in Ohio, were said to have gone "berserk" when presented with the final map.

"The agreement that has been reached does not meet even the minimum of our interests," said Momcilo Krajisnik, the president of the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament.

Srdja Trifkovic, a former Bosnian Serb spokesman, said later: "Having signed their authority over to Milosevic is like giving a bloodbank to Count Dracula. Of course, he has stabbed them in the back."

A subdued Mr Izetbegovic, meanwhile, who had lost eastern Bosnia to the Bosnian Serbs, had said simply: "To my people I would say this. This is not a just peace, but it is more just than the continuation of war."

Beneath the veneer of support from European officials for the agreement lay concern about congressional opposition to American involvement in the future Nato force.

Whether the accord, the third such "deal" in three years, will survive depends more on the will for peace among the warring factions than the actual structure of the new Bosnian state, whose essential features are:

☐ **Territory:** Bosnia will be divided roughly in half, between a fragile Muslim-Croat federation of 51 per cent and a Bosnian Serb republic of 49 per cent. The multi-ethnic capital of Sarajevo will be divided into ten districts mainly united under Muslim-Croat control.

Srebrenica and Zepa, the former UN safe areas, are retained by the Bosnian Serbs. Gorazde, the other eastern enclave, will be kept as a viable element of the federation, linked by a secure land corridor.

Attempts by the Bosnian Serbs to widen the corridor between the northeastern town of Brcko and Serb-held territory round Banja Luka appear to have failed. The corridor will remain three miles wide. The status of Brcko itself, however, has yet to be resolved.

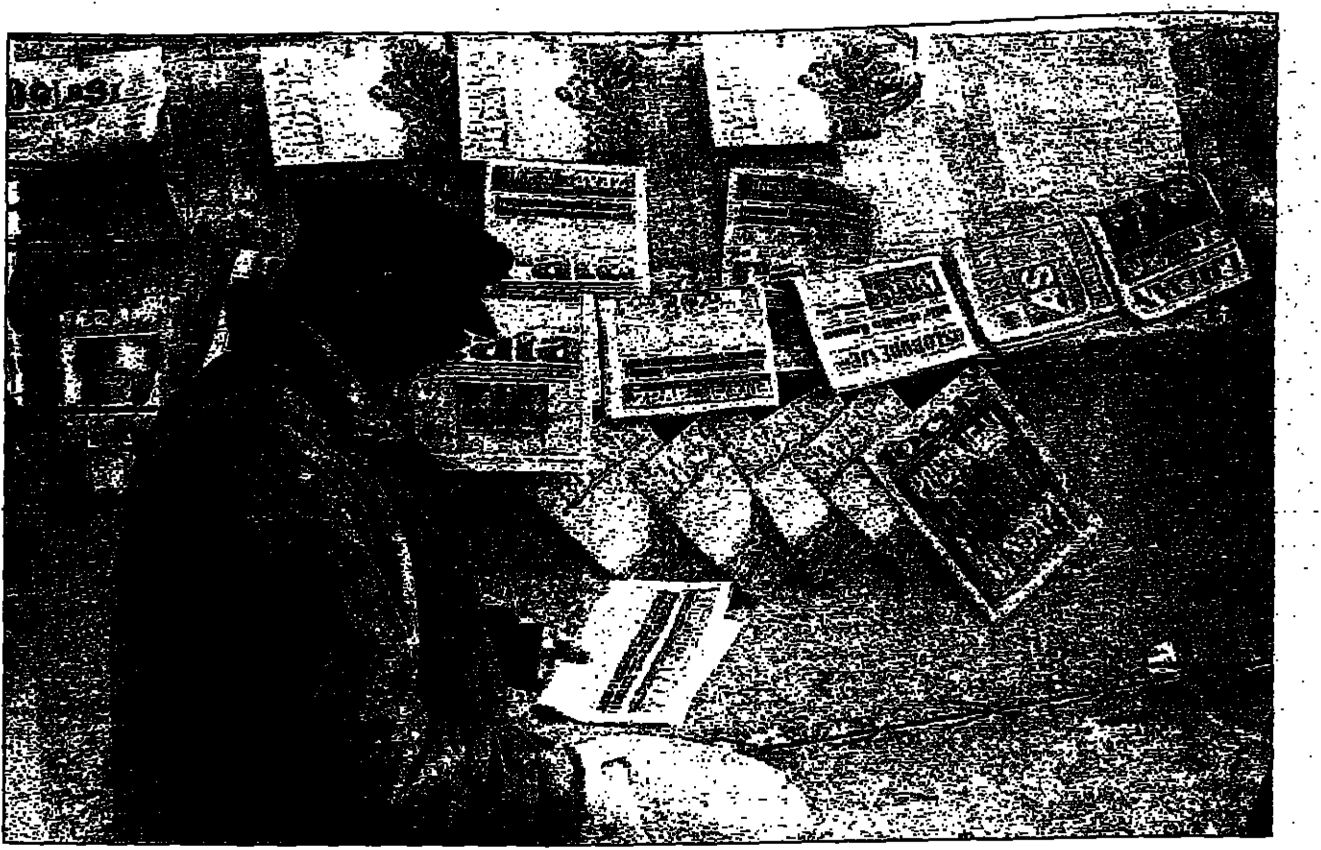
There will in theory be free movement between the two separate entities of the new Bosnia. Some two million refugees will be allowed to return to their original homes, should they want to.

☐ **Constitution:** The federal government, comprising an elected presidency and parliament, will control foreign policy, foreign trade, monetary policy, citizenship and immigration issues. A bicameral legislature will draw two-thirds of its members from the Muslim-Croat federation. Executive powers will be controlled by a three-person presidency — one Serb and two federation members — and a Council of Ministers. Elections must take place within six to nine months.

☐ **Military balance and trade:** An international arms embargo will be lifted within 180 days as mediators attempt to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to reduce their military strength. The Bosnian Serbs must slim down their heavy weapons to 75 per cent of the current holding, the Bosnian and Croat armies by 30 per cent respectively.

The agreement obliges each warring party to withdraw behind agreed ceasefire lines within 30 days of its implementation and establishes demilitarised zones two kilometres wide on both sides of the lines. Although the trade embargo against Serbia was suspended yesterday, an "outer wall" of sanctions will remain until the country addresses concerns over Kosovo and provides adequate co-operation with the war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

☐ **War crimes:** Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb political leader, and Ratko Mladic, his military counterpart, have both been indicted for genocide by the UN tribunal. While neither is permitted to run for office under the plan, neither man is mentioned by name and many in the Bosnian delegation believe they will never be brought to trial.


A Sarajevo man reads one of yesterday's newspapers which greeted the Dayton deal as the "end of the war"

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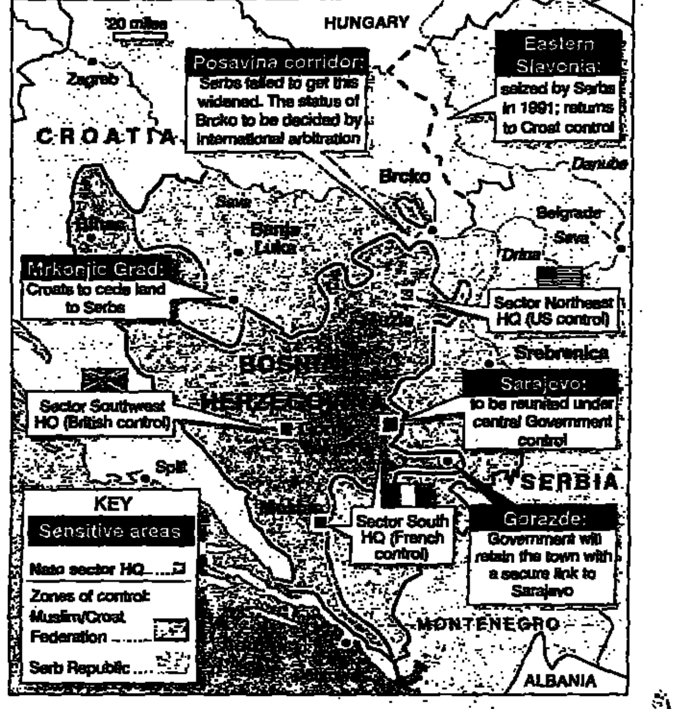
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British troops aim at one-year stay to police agreement

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Nato deployments to Bosnia were put on hold for at least two weeks yesterday as the final details of the peace map were studied by alliance military planners before completing the contingency blueprint for sending 60,000 troops to implement the Dayton, Ohio, agreement.

The British contribution of about 13,000 soldiers is expected to cost between £300 million and £400 million for the proposed 12-month deployment. Britain, like the United States and other Nato nations, is planning on staying in Bosnia for only a year. Nato has yet to be given a formal mandate to send troops to Bosnia but already the main objectives have been agreed.

Once the forces from more than 20 countries have arrived, they will have to mark out with white wooden posts the 625-mile boundary line between the Muslim/Croat Federation and the proposed Serb Republic. Military-free zones, 2.5 miles wide, will be created along the boundary. All heavy weapons and troops will have to withdraw from the zones unless housed in barracks. Obstruction will be met with a "very robust" response.

The other objectives for the Nato-led mission include: suppressing any outbreak of violence between the warring parties, securing the proposed land corridor between Sarajevo and Gorazde, setting up joint local commissions to resolve disputes, supporting the repatriation of displaced families, rebuilding roads and bridges, and supervising mine clearance.

Among the first troops to arrive in Bosnia will be the American Southern European Task Force, a 5,000-man quick reaction group based at Vicenza in Italy, which will fly by helicopter to Tuzla, the town in northern Bosnia which is to be the headquarters of the 1st US Armoured Division.

The American light infantry unit from Vicenza, codenamed Task Force Lion, will have the job of preparing the ground for the huge influx of 20,000 American troops over the next 14 weeks. The Germany-based American division, codenamed Task Force Eagle, will come with 300 Abrams tanks.

The final British package has yet to be decided, and last night there were indications that the Treasury was applying pressure to reduce the 15,000-man force recommended by army chiefs to about 12,000 or 13,000.

However, the basic elements of the British force — taken from the 3rd UK Division — will include a full armoured brigade, commanded by Brigadier Richard Dannett, consisting of an artillery regiment with 24 of the army's new AS90 guns, a tank regiment with 36 or 54 Challenger tanks, depending on whether the regiment takes three or four squadrons, a mechanised infantry battalion with 64 Saxon armoured vehicles, and an armoured infantry battalion with 56 Warrior armoured combat vehicles.

Hundreds of attack and transport helicopters will be deployed to Bosnia, mostly American, because of the need to make a quick response to any serious breaches of the peace agreement. Britain will have Chinooks, Lynxes, Pumas and Sea Kings in theatre.

Britain's area of responsibility, which will roughly match the existing sector southwest created under the United Nations peacekeeping mission, will go as far north as Banja Luka, the Serb stronghold. The headquarters will be at Gornji Vakuf in central Bosnia.

Nato deployments are unlikely to start in earnest until towards the end of next month, although advance parties to set up divisional headquarters and the HQ of Nato's allied rapid reaction corps, which will run the whole operation from Sarajevo, may go in in two or three weeks.

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Professional classes prefer to pursue careers in West as exodus from Bosnia continues

Exiles in Britain wary of return

By Lin Jenkins and Leila Linton

Arnautovic: difficult for professionals to return

BOSNIAN refugees who sought sanctuary in Britain greeted the peace agreement with scepticism yesterday as they considered their future.

More than 160,000 people from the former Yugoslavia have visited Britain since 1991, but few have remained. Of 12,600 who have claimed asylum, nearly all have been refused, but most have been allowed to stay after being granted temporary leave to remain.

The Home Office has no immediate plans to send them home. Indeed, the process of organising the arrival of another 500 Bosnian refugees singled out by the United Nations for urgent resettlement has only just begun.

Britain agreed to take the extra refugees in August under the Bosnian Refugee Project launched in 1993 when 1,000 vulnerable Bosnians plus their dependants were given temporary protection.

The 2,188 who have entered under the UN scheme — 71 of them under this year's further provision — spent time in resettlement centres to acclimatise themselves before being found places to live by welfare agencies funded by the Home Office.

Nearly all of them were detainees liberated from the Serb camps and under the provisions they were allowed to work in Britain or claim benefits. Their status is reviewed each year.

Those who came under their own steam have tended to be from the professional classes. Many have relatives living in Britain, speak the language or have the professional or academic contacts to help them in their efforts to stay.

Those with professional qualifications are especially unwilling to leave behind opportunities in this country, according to a spokeswoman for the Bosnian Advice Centre, London. Indira Arnautovic, 29, an architect, said that, although there was a great need for professionals like herself to return to Bosnia as so many had left, most wished to remain in Britain.

She said: "One cannot help being selfish and one sees any opportunity in progressing in their career. It would be very difficult to make them go back. They would not go easily."

Ms Arnautovic came to this country in February 1994 after witnessing the horrors of Sarajevo when she worked as an interpreter for UN troops. She said: "I probably saw the worst days of that war." She added that she felt quite settled here. "I am satisfied and fulfilled by what I am doing now."

Of 1,765 who sought asylum last year, just 25 were granted refugee status, 475 were refused permission to stay, and 1,275 granted exceptional leave to remain.

The Refugee Council is not hopeful that the Bosnians will be able to return to their homeland. Most come from areas that have been purged of Bosnian Muslims by the Serbs. The reconstruction of Bosnia's war-shattered housing and infrastructure, which will be required to encourage nearly one million refugees to return home, will cost £3.2 billion over the next three years, Carl Bildt, the European peace mediator, said yesterday. The European Union and America are expected to foot one-third of the bill each, with the rest made up by other countries and international aid agencies.

The Home Office has said it will only consider repatriating people when the UNHCR declares the situation stable. However, the UNHCR has always maintained that the cornerstone of any repatriation policy is that is has to be voluntary. More than 40,000 people from the former Yugoslavia, Serb nationalists who arrived in 1947, are still living in Britain. Many think that those who choose to stay this time will also be allowed to do so.Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the UNHCR in London, said: "Even if people did go back, the process would take two to three years, even if there is no more fighting." He said those who fled to West European countries would be the last to go back. "Even if a peace agreement is fixed, it is not an immediate magic wand to the problem of refugees. The ground has to be prepared for their return and it has to be done in an orderly way."

Some of the 20,000 Muslim refugees who escaped from Srebrenica after the Bosnian Serbs overran the former "safe area" earlier this year

We are fodder for Clinton election, says refugee who will not go back

From Stacy Sullivan in Sarajevo

AFTER Jasa Hadzimehmedovic was forced out of her home in a suburb of Sarajevo, the area was quickly transformed into a Serb-held section of the Bosnian capital.

Initially, she and her mother were determined not to leave when Serbs from the Yugoslav Army targeted Muslim families. Eventually, the 21-year-old and her mother left to stay for a few days with her boyfriend in the centre of Sarajevo. He was killed by Croat forces in the war in 1993.

Mladic: responsible for war policy

Her father, who stayed behind to protect the house, was taken prisoner by the Serbs, and beaten. Miss Hadzimehmedovic said his life was spared only because a Serb neighbour recognised him and smuggled him across the front line into government-held Sarajevo.

That was nearly four years ago. Since then, the Serbs who forced her out of her home have killed more than 10,000 people in Sarajevo and forced thousands to flee. On Tuesday, when all sides signed the peace deal in Dayton, Ohio, which mandated that refugees and displaced people have a legal right to reclaim their homes, Miss Hadzimehmedovic said she had no plans to return. "The same criminals that forced me out and took my father prisoner are still there. No agreement will ever change what they did. I feel sick at the thought of ever returning there."

Miss Hadzimehmedovic, who is part-Muslim, part-Croatian and part-Jewish, but has a Muslim name, said her Serb neighbours knew what was happening to Muslims there, but did nothing to stop the "ethnic cleansing" that was part of the military policy carried out by General Ratko Mladic. "The Serbs were shooting in front of our house. They stood by as I left. I thought I was only leaving for a few days. I never said goodbye," she said.

A part of her does want to go home. "I had a house with a garden, a very good life. But how would I know who was guilty for what happened to me?" she asked.

She realises that there are good Serbs, such as the one who spared her father's life, but it will take a long time before she will find them and be able to live among them.

Last week she took a bus ride through Ilidza, along the newly opened United Nations blue route, and saw her old neighbourhood again. "The Serbs living there stared at us with such hatred in their eyes. It made me sick to my stomach. I couldn't believe I'd never see my house again."

She feels cheated by the new peace agreement. "This is forced. We are simply fodder for Clinton's re-election. Nobody involved in the negotiations really cares about the future of Bosnia."

Everyone on the bus, making the 22-hour journey from Zagreb to Sarajevo, feared crossing through Ilidza. When a Bosnian solder boarded the bus to record their names, Miss Hadzimehmedovic asked: "Do the Serbs ever drag anyone off the bus?" The soldier joked: "Every once in a while, but last time they only took a few." She and the other passengers laughed at the joke. She said humour had helped her to cope.

But as the bus passed through her old neighbourhood, residents shouted and jeered. For her, home will never be the same again.

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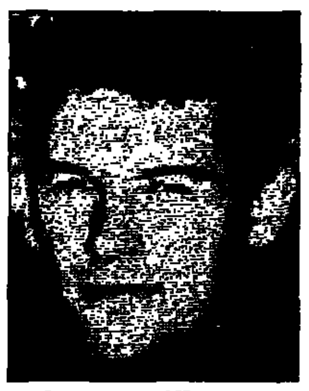

Captain Chiffot: shot down 11 weeks ago

Hopes rise for French pilots

THE French Government has expressed optimism that the peace accord will lead to the release, of Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet, the two French airmen shot down over the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale 11 weeks ago.

Privately, French officials acknowledge that the men could become pawns of international diplomacy. If they are in the hands of the Bosnian Serbs, as some suspect, they could be used as bargaining counters by leaders who have been accused of war crimes. *(Reuter)*

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The bugs of war

Forget exotic organisms, it's home-grown bacteria we must fear, says **Jeremy Laurance**

We are standing beside a locked fridge that contains enough lethal organisms to start a biological war. Sellotaped to its lid is a yellowing list of its contents: Ebola virus, Aids, Plague, Rabies, TB, Lassa fever — a roll-call of bugs whose destructive potential is the pathological equivalent of the nuclear bomb.

This is the Category Four laboratory at the headquarters of the Public Health Laboratory Service in Colindale, north London. The Colindale HQ is the nerve centre of Britain's national network of 53 monitoring stations which are permanently on the alert for the next biological invader.

When suspected victims of the Ebola fever outbreak in Kikwit, Zaire, arrived in London earlier this year, it was to this laboratory that blood samples were taken for analysis. Last year, samples from suspected plague victims arriving at Heathrow from India were similarly rushed to Colindale. The contents of the fridge are needed to develop marker tests which can detect the viruses when they appear in the population.

Books such as *The Coming Plague* and *The Hot Zone*, which describe a world threatened by pestilences of biblical proportions, have fuelled fears of biological catastrophe. But scientists in the service believe that, while it is important to remain alert to biological invaders, the public concern about them is misplaced — and dangerously so. Old diseases have not resurfaced — they never went away. The widespread belief that infectious disease was defeated by a combination of antibiotics and vaccines is mistaken and encourages complacency about the bugs that pose a more serious threat to our health.

A traveller infected with Ebola virus arriving in Britain undetected could cause a local outbreak of the devastating disease, but the virus could not become established in Britain. It is thought to be transmitted by rodent fleas and can survive only in tropical areas where hygiene is poor and rat populations large.

However, the life-threatening bacterium *Clostridium difficile* is already well established here. More than 2,000 cases of infection with the organism which is home-grown were recorded in 1993. One hospital in Manchester reported 175 cases with at least 17 deaths. But there were no government health warnings, no planes disinfected at the airport and no masked and plastic-suited healthworkers sent in with mops, vacuum cleaners and drums of disinfectant. The bug is the commonest cause of diarrhoea in hospitals and can lead to inflammation of the gut similar to gas gangrene, leading to death. Yet this noxious organism is present naturally in the intestines of every normal healthy person.

But when it invades the gut of the healthy individual, it is controlled by other bacteria which are also present. When antibiotics are given as part of routine hospital treatment they may knock out some bacteria, allowing *C. difficile* to take advantage of the weakness in the defence. Hence the drugs given to protect patients against infection may make them more vulnerable to it.

The overuse of antibiotics in humans and animals has produced organisms resistant to most known drugs; for example, gram-negative *Serratia*, which can trigger septicaemia in a vulnerable individual, and methycillin-resistant *Staphyloccocus aureus* (MRSA), which strikes terror in hospitals threatened with an outbreak.

Brian Duerden, deputy director of the service, says: "The capacity of bacteria to adapt and change and become resistant to antibiotics is huge. They will always be there and They will always be a threat."

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Britain has a national network of 53 monitoring stations in the frontline battle against biological invaders

Among the salmonellas, bacteria that cause food poisoning, resistance to antibiotics has been seen since the 1960s but in the past two years the number of types and the range of their resistance has grown. Cases of *Salmonella typhimurium* Type 104, which is resistant to eight antibiotics, have risen sharply to more than 1,000 a year.

Most cases are linked with food bought from restaurants and takeaways and are thought to be caused by undercooked meat. Not all are serious enough to require treatment with antibiotics but if they do, they present difficulties. Outbreaks of salmonella poisoning are now being monitored by public health labs across Europe to spot new strains and identify links.

More than 100 people were affected by an outbreak of food poisoning caused by verotoxigenic *E. coli*, a virulent form of the common bacterium, in Scotland in 1994. The outbreak was linked with milk bought from a local dairy. An earlier outbreak was linked with a McDonald's restaurant in Lancashire.

> The old diseases have not resurfaced, they never went away

In America, the same organism infected 700 people in Washington State, of whom 195 were sent to hospital and four died. After this outbreak, McDonald's revised its cooking practice. Now all public health labs in Britain examine specimens sent to them for the verotoxigenic *E. coli*.

The problem of resistant bugs is likely to grow. The use of increasingly complicated surgery on an ageing population and doctors' capacity to keep people with weak immune systems alive provides the ideal environment in which new strains of bacteria may thrive.

Hospitals are putting in place antibiotic control policies to limit the drugs on which doctors may draw. But they remain places to avoid if you can. Professor Peter Boriello, head of the Central Public Health Laboratory, says: "If you find a bomb you take it to the bomb disposal unit but it is the last place you want to hang around. Hospitals are the same. Get yourself treated but get out fast."

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Deaf to disco danger

MEDICAL BRIEFING

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

JACK ASHLEY had only been in the House of Commons a short time when he needed ear surgery. His surgeon, anxious to clear a post-operative infection, prescribed kanamycin, a powerful antibiotic which can, if taken for too long, cause deafness. Unfortunately, the surgeon left for America soon after the operation and in the absence of any precise order to stop treatment so many kanamycin injections were given that Jack Ashley's hearing, as well as the marauding bacteria, were destroyed. This accident removed Jack Ashley from the ministerial ladder but recruited a powerful spokesman for the disabled, and in particular for the deaf.

Today, Jack, now Lord Ashley of Stoke, celebrates the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Hearing Research Trust at a reception in the House of Lords. The trust, which is the only medical research charity for the deaf, was started by Jack and his wife Pauline, and has already allocated more than £2.2 million for specific projects to help research into deafness, and the one person in seven in Britain who has hearing problems.

The increase in deafness is only partly explained by an ageing population. Equally important is the increasing noisiness of leisure activities. In the past, hearing loss during leisure activities was usually caused by shooting, water skiing or motorbike scrambling. Now it is as a result of hazards met indoors, at a disco, in the concert hall, or even when sitting in a living room decked out with a sophisticated hi-fi. The ability to reproduce music may be so good, and the stereophonic effects so superb, that modern equipment can make it seem as if an orchestra is playing in the listener's own house, but to the inner ear all loud sounds are damaging, however pleasing.

Blame for hearing loss is shifting to music at public gatherings. Dr Adrian Davis, of the Medical Research Council Institute of Hearing Research, Nottingham, says: "People used to be deafened by noisy industrial machinery; 15 years ago 9 per cent of those between 18 and 25 were subjected to excessive occupational noise. Now it is only 6 per cent. A greater danger is now from the disco and the club amplifier rather than from either the factory workbench or even the Walkman. The noise in a noisy club is in excess of that generated by a pneumatic drill, but the only way dancers can protect their hearing is to shelter in the quiet of the lavatory. Our research shows the number of young people exposed to destructive levels of leisure noise has risen from 6.5 per cent to 29.6 per cent."

The Lancet last year published a study which demonstrated that the average 15-year old's hearing, once so acute, was now likely to be no better than that of their 45-year-old parents.

Research workers are seeking ways of providing some protection from anything which might trigger deafness, whether reasonable noise, drugs or age. It is possible that the anti-oxidant vitamins — C, E and beta carotene — will help through their ability to mop up free radicals.

Dr Andy Forge, of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, London, says: "Nobody understands fully how age and some drugs damage the sensory hair cells of the inner ear but it seems that anti-oxidants may give some protection."

Pill pointers

THE magazine *General Practitioner* reports that at a recent meeting in Amsterdam experts in the contraceptive Pill reviewed all the relevant research, other than that on which the British Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) based their recent recommendations.

The experts, who stressed that the risk of taking the Pill — especially if the woman was young and healthy — was very small, agreed in general with the findings of the CSM.

They added that the so-called third-generation Pills, about which the CSM had cast doubts, also had beneficial effects. They felt it was limiting to talk only of the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and called for more research into the possible cardio-protective role of the third generation Pills.

Doctors have found that when the risks of the third-generation Pills are explained carefully, some women have opted to continue with them. Should they be discouraged? *Monitor* magazine has listed the recommendations made by Professor John Guillebaud, director of the Margaret Pyke Family Planning Centre:

● Women aged under 30 should be prescribed second-generation Pills unless they are heavy smokers, have moderate blood pressure, uncomplicated diabetes or a family history of cardio-vascular disease with a normal cholesterol. These factors might lead a doctor to prefer a third-generation Pill.

● Women over 30 can, with their informed consent, be offered third-generation Pills.

● Third-generation Pills should not be given to women with varicose veins or a history of DVT.

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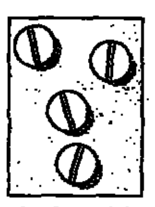

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Magnus Linklater on morality, marriage and murder and **Julia Llewellyn Smith** on an artist at the house of horrors

Was Mrs West the root of evil?

The peculiar obscenity of the murders committed by Frederick and Rosemary West lies not just in the suffering they inflicted on their victims, but in their partnership in sexual crime. We have become only too familiar with accounts of male rape and murder, but when the female partner becomes an active participant herself, we enter a new chamber of horrors.

The case studies are limited, but revealing. The Moors murders in Britain, the recent case of Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka in Canada, and Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow in the early 1930s, are just three of a brief but chilling list. All are examples of serial crimes committed by couples, crimes in which two flawed characters came together, each feeding the other's fantasies, driving each other to worse and worse excesses, creating one murderous whole out of two inadequate halves. Pinpointing where the nightmare begins, however, is not so easy to do.

"Ultimately, people do to others what was done to them," the criminal psychologist, Oliver James, says. He points to Fred West's childhood, the claims of sexual abuse, the cruelty and sadism he underwent at the hands of his parents, the psychopathic tendencies which encouraged him to believe that he could do what he liked to anyone. He may have been the instigator of the terrible events that took place at 25 Cromwell Street, but he would never have gone so far without Rosemary. She, as with all the women cited here, is the enigma.

"When you have a murdering couple, it is usually the case than neither are strong enough to carry out the crimes on their own," says the writer, Brian Lane, who has studied hundreds of sex murder cases. "They support each other, they egg each other on." The male usually plays the lead role, but the female becomes an equal partner, and they are by no means all weak or manipulated women: nor are they all from broken homes. Rosemary West was certainly a classic case of the abandoned child, neglected by her mother and raped as a teenager. But Karla Homolka, the 23-year-old blonde from Ontario who procured teenage girls for her partner, Paul Barnardo, and later helped to murder them, came from a secure middle-class home. Myra Hindley, though lonely as a child, and devastated at the loss of a boyfriend, was very far from being an abused child.

In nearly all these cases, it is the latent violence of the man which seems to "infect" the woman. But is that too glib an assumption? There must, after all, have been some biological chemistry here which predisposed her to join him in such acts of horror. The clinical psychologists Elliot Slater and Martin Roth point out that "while they are conceived in isolation, paranoid reactions show a particular tendency to spread by psychological contagion". And, as Brian Lane points out, this is the only partnership crime where the victims were members of the family. "All of the others killed their victims and disposed of them elsewhere," he says. "Here, they were murdering their own children and burying them in their own home. This is what makes it the crime of the century."

> 'It was the fact that they murdered their own children'

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It is also what makes it so hard to concentrate on or even listen to the details. In the 30 years since the Moors murders we have heard and seen more terrible things on television and in newspapers than the relatively innocent generation of the 1960s ever dreamt of. And yet we seem far less capable of absorbing the details of this case than we were able to read about the unspeakable revelations of the Moors murders.

And yet it is only by making ourselves listen that we can begin to understand the forces that were at work here. Was this a case of two psychopaths, uniquely driven together, or was it, perhaps for the first time, a case in which the woman took the lead role? Did pornography play a part? And were there warning signs which the Social Services might have spotted had they been better informed about the roots of sexual crime? Perhaps we are too influenced by the notion of man the sexual predator to conceive of the idea that women too can be capable of such cruelty and sadism.

But somewhere buried in the West case is something more. This was not a couple existing in isolation. Nor were they obviously monsters. They were gregarious, they enjoyed going out for a drink, they were reasonable neighbours, they lived in the heart of an English county town. The sheer domestic ordinariness of their lives makes the terrifying squalor of their crimes that much harder to comprehend.

And the role of the woman makes it almost impossible to come to terms with. Just as we may never be able to contemplate the release of Myra Hindley, so our natural instincts will be to turn our backs and close our ears forever on Rosemary West and her unfathomable secrets.

CHRIS HARRIS

Siân Frances, the *Times* court artist at the West trial, knew in her heart that Rosemary West was guilty: "There is something dark about her. I thought she was evil"

Drawing a monster

They watched intently as a stream of witnesses described being bound, beaten and assaulted. They held their breath as Rosemary West passed within inches of them, on the way from the witness box to the dock. They studied her face as she was pronounced guilty of ten counts of murder. As the judge told her she would never be released, they were poised to catch the slightest flicker of emotion.

For the past ten weeks, the six artists at Winchester Crown Court have given the public the only images of the dramas and the personalities of court three. Unlike in America, cameras are banned from courtrooms and a 60-year-old Act of Parliament forbids any sketching in the courtroom. Artists spend about 20 minutes in court taking in the scene and must then rely on memory and on detailed notes.

"You take a mental snapshot of size, height, colouring," says Siân Frances, the *Times* court artist. "You look for some sort of handle, like a big nose or big eyes."

According to Priscilla Coleman, who produces lightning sketches for ITN's three daily bulletins: "Rose's is a dumpling face, everything about her is circular, even her figure is sort of tanklike. She has round glasses and round earrings. She alternates her shirts which makes them easy to remember. During the trial her hair has got longer."

It was a moment of high drama when West swished past the artists in her long skirt. "We all had a good look at her," Frances says. "She's a big woman and there is something dark about her, or maybe I imagined that because I thought she was evil. If you saw her on the street she could be a *hausfrau*. It's very hard to relate her to the terrible things you are hearing about."

Both artists are courtroom veterans, and are no strangers to horror. "In many ways, the Bulger trial was worse," Frances says. "The court in Preston was a terrible scrum. This one is better organised and Winchester is a nice, genteel place. The atmosphere is very calm and the legal language detaches you from events."

Coleman agrees: "This is really the darkest trial I have covered; but in a way it's not because it's been very much sanitised. And so much of it is so bizarre, it doesn't seem true."

Yet, neither has remained untouched by the evidence they have heard, much of which was judged too horrible to print. "I'm waking up regularly at five o'clock in the morning for some stupid reason," Coleman says. "And I had a dream that Ferguson [the defence counsel] was whispering in my ear the other night." Frances says: "I went to see the film *Strange Days*, which is all murder and mayhem, and I hated it. I thought 'I have had enough of that'."

For Frances, the worst moment came when she and a party of journalists were shown around Cromwell Street, after the jury. "The impact hit me the next day," she says. "At the time you are working. You think about it later.

"We went around in silence, we weren't allowed to linger in the rooms." Immediately she left, Frances began sketching the empty house, reproducing every detail of its décor.

"In the kitchen there was a pattern of Chianti bottles, in the 'bar room' one wall was covered with a huge photograph of a tropical beach. It was the kind of thing Hilda Ogden would cover with flying ducks.

"There was a poster of a half-naked woman in Rose's '*special room*' which had a peephole in the door, not especially pornographic, more like something taken from a holiday brochure.

"The spots where the bodies had been dug up had been marked with white tape. It was strange but nobody wanted to walk there. The journalists were tiptoeing between the markers, going to enormous lengths not to step on them."

Frances was convinced West was guilty. "She didn't react to anything in the witness box. She was getting angry about Heather, but she didn't gesticulate. You would expect someone to react a bit more." Coleman says: "Her performance was very unconvincing, she had an unknowable expression on her face."

Coleman, who attended last year's committal hearing for Fred and Rose West, had no doubt that Fred killed himself to save his wife. "He wasn't sinister looking at all. He seemed like an ordinary man, a rough construction worker, an outdoors man, and he had a kind, gentle look when he was gazing at Rose. He was trying to get her attention in court and she wouldn't look at him, even when he tapped her on the shoulder. It was obvious he really loved her, which was a contradiction in terms of everything else he did. He killed himself for her. In the middle of all that terror there was some love."

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Janet Daley

■ If we blame social conditioning for crimes like the Wests', we blind ourselves to the reality of evil

Have we all been changed by the West case? Or, if not all of us, what of those who have had to sit through the entire trial as court functionaries, jurors, reporters? We ask them with trepidation if they will ever be the same again. Fatuously, we offer them counselling, as if therapy could neutralise their certain knowledge of the depths of human behaviour.

For a good while, they will be handled by their nearest and dearest like fragile convalescents. Strangely modern, this idea that it is unhealthy or destablising to come into contact with evil. Earlier centuries might have seen such exposure as salutary: a reminder of the reality of original sin, of the ever-present forces of darkness which summon us constantly into their influence.

But we have replaced the devil with disease. Paradoxically in an age of rationalism, we actually see ourselves as more delicate and vulnerable than "superstitious" generations who took a robust attitude to depravity. They believed that evil forces were there to be fought, after all. That was the purpose of the human condition: we were put here to be tested inour resistance *to sin.* But for confirmed rationalists, there is no such handy explanation. It is not us against it — the embodiment of wickedness — but us against ourselves. The enemy is potentially ready to leap from our breasts like some alien monster in a science fiction film.

We have replaced the devil with disease

There but for the grace of better social conditions go any of us. Perhaps not as perpetrators — being reared with the psychological preconditions for that must be an exceptional misfortune — but as complicit bystanders or uncaring neighbours. Doesn't a society that *allowed this to happen* stand condemned?

What a great deal is packed into that phrase — as if all manifestations of human cruelty or monstrousness should be preventable. As if virtue could have any meaning without its opposite.

If depravity is a disease, then it may somehow be contagious — a virus that can infect us by exposure. We must need to be protected from it rather than to learn to confront it. But with what would we be infected? When we look into this anxiety, what exactly do we fear? Not that we will catch the predilection itself — like vampires who have been bitten — but that we will be pulled into hopeless despair: become incapacitated by morbid fantasies and an incurable sense of helplessness. We seem to have lost the distinction between futile depression and the positive sadness that comes with learning a dreadful truth.

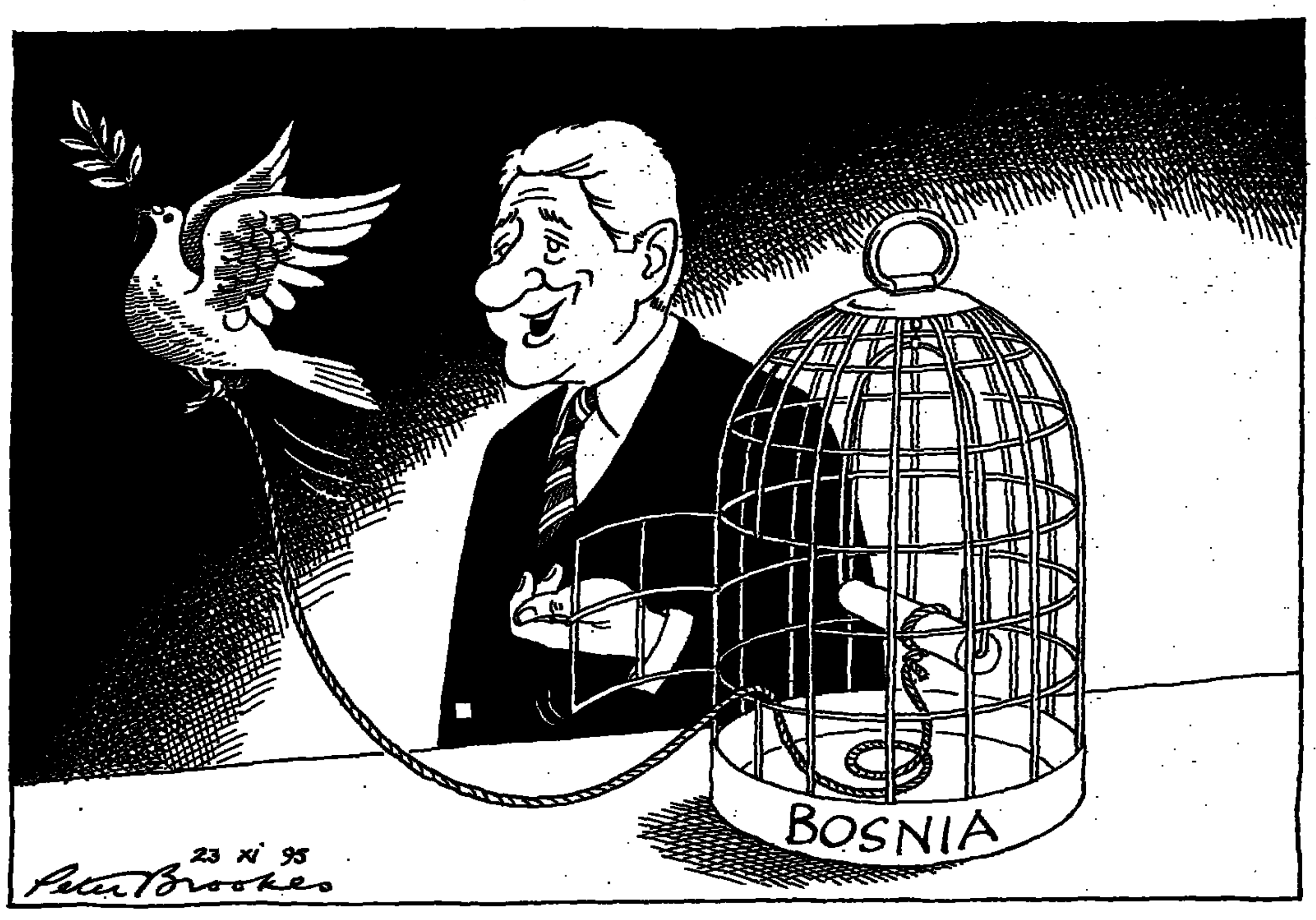
As rationalists, we are trapped in our own optimism. That is why the West trial, like the Bulger case, is so difficult to come to terms with. Unlike the supposedly benighted fatalists of the Middle Ages, we must believe in the perfectability of man and the possibility of a righteous ordered society. Crime is a symptom of social pathology, of something gone wrong in the system which can, in theory, be put right. Our only way to deal with the most terrible of crimes — such as the sexual abuse and murder of a daughter by her mother, or the necrophilia and cannibalism of a Dahmer or a Nilsen — is to label them "psychopathic". That is the word we use when all other words fail us and we baulk at the term "evil".

Well, you might think, why should we not dispense with the idea of evil as a real force? What place can an unreasoning concept like absolute wickedness have in an enlightened society? Surely, what should concern us is how to find the causes of such gross abnormality — an examination that could lead, if not to a cure for the current offenders, then at least to a preventative for the future.

In the age of science, people who carry out barbaric crimes must be seen as atoms in some mechanistic causal process which propels them into their actions. It is our responsibility to examine that process and discover the point at which the chain of inevitability might have been broken. To the extent that we have failed to intervene, says the religion of reason, we are all culpable. (As I write, I can hear a voice from the television saying: "Psychiatrists believe that the conditions that lead to serial killing begin in early childhood.")

But if we are shaped by inexorable social influences, then no criminal is responsible in the pure moral sense for his or her own crimes. He is simply a product of the happenstance events which began "in early childhood". Guilt itself is defined out of existence and the impulse to punish becomes no more than a primeval desire for revenge. This is no far-fetched *reductio ad absurdum* of modern thinking on criminality. It is the received wisdom of most of the probation service and much of the judiciary.

But if we are not responsible for our vicious acts, we are not responsible for our good ones either. If that is true, then there is no such thing as moral choice at all. If influences "in early childhood" turned Rosemary and Frederick West into what they were, then they also made you and me into what we are — and our human free will counts for nothing.



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Divorce? Just say 'no'

Ireland has to choose whether to follow us into the morass of mass divorce. It would be a cruel mistake

William Rees-Mogg

Tomorrow, the citizens of Ireland will be voting on the 15th amendment to their constitution, which would allow divorce, although only under quite restrictive conditions. The most restrictive is that: "At the date of the institution of the proceedings, the spouses have lived apart from one another for a period of, or periods amounting to, at least four years during the previous five years."

Ireland is now the only European country which has no divorce law; in 1986, a similar referendum was defeated by a two-to-one majority. This time, the opinion polls have been swinging from last August's two-thirds majority in favour of divorce in the direction of another possible "no" vote. The farming community is said to be particularly disturbed by the possible impact of divorce on land-holding; both Cardinal Cahal Daly of Armagh and Cardinal Desmond Connell of Dublin have been urging the traditional Catholic teaching that marriage is indissoluble.

My own view is undoubtedly affected by the fact that I am myself a Roman Catholic, of Irish American descent on my mother's side. The Catholic Church has always taught that divorce is unlawful, although allowing annulment for false marriages. No doubt the annulment procedure has sometimes been abused. Historically, most Protestants have accepted the teaching on divorce which Jesus gives in Chapter XIX of St Matthew's Gospel. There, Christ says: "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," the sentence which the Church of England has used in the marriage service of the Book of Common Prayer.

In recent years, many people in the Church of England have moved away from this Gospel teaching. Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, probably spoke for many Anglicans when he said: "I am not among those who say divorce is bad, full-stop." In a modern secular society, with mass divorce, ordinary human tolerance makes people deal with the social facts as they are, and the Archbishp's position, if unorthodox, is hardly surprising.

Nevertheless Ireland is in a different situation. The Irish have not yet involved themselves in the high-divorce society; they still have to decide whether mass divorce or no divorce is better for their country. Some Irish observers are arguing the no-divorce case from an avowedly non-religious standpoint: they think that divorce does more harm than good in ordinary sociological and legal terms, on grounds which are perfectly understandable to agnostics and humanists.

There are a number of general, non-theological arguments against divorce. It damages society by breaking up families; it costs a lot of money; it makes people less responsible in considering marriage and less determined in facing marriage difficulties; it seriously impoverishes many people; it usually involves a measure of personal betrayal; it is sometimes unfair to men, usually to women and almost always to children. In Cardinal Daly's vivid phrase, it turns children into "the orphans of living parents".

Most modern social thinking is based to some degree on Jeremy Bentham's Utilitarianism. The central Benthamite principle is that laws should be written to secure "the greatest happiness of the greatest number". It is very doubtful whether divorce can meet that test. Undoubtedly, some people do benefit from divorce; they are happier to be completely freed from a disastrous marriage (though this happiness sometimes proves an illusion). We all know of many cases where life after divorce has been more satisfactory for the individual than it was during the marriage. But the Benthamite question is whether the benefits of divorce in these cases outweigh the harm done to those who are harmed. Whether one looks at it in moral, emotional, financial or legal terms, large numbers of people, particularly children, are greviously harmed and may suffer all their lives.

Law has a normative effect. It sets the standard for society, and most people live by that standard. Undoubtedly Irish people in the 20th century have had a higher expectation that their own marriages would survive because they lived in a society where marriage was indissoluble in law. All divorce laws reduce this expectation that marriage will be lifelong and unbroken. The easier the divorce laws, the more they erode what might otherwise have been stable marriages. No doubt many Irish marriages have survived, and even ended as happy, because neither partner imagined there was any alternative. No doubt many English marriages of the same period have been destroyed by the legal assumption that marriage is a voidable contract.

Even in Ireland, there is reason to fear the general decay of Western society, a decay which has followed the American pattern, and is now more or less universal. Between 1960 and 1990, the illegitimacy rate in the United States rose by 94 per cent, the divorce rate by 125 per cent and the violent crime rate by 358 per cent. These are the statistics of individual tragedies. There are no comparable figures for drug-abuse, most of which goes undetected, but that has certainly multiplied in the same period.

The decay of the social order has caused intense suffering, particularly among those least able to defend themselves. A poor black child is far more likely to be destroyed by the consequences of this moral catastrophe than a rich white adult. In a high proportion of cases, the natural human protection of the family has been removed, either by divorce or by the parents not having married in the first place. The post-family society is a bitterly harsh environment for children and mothers.

The same moral decay can be seen in Britain. I was at school during the Second World War, when some boys — though a minority in my age-group — were suffering the distress of the absence of their fathers in the services. I have seen my own children in various schools from the 1960s to the present day. All my children have seen more family distress in the post-war period than I experienced among my contemporaries during the war itself. In recent years the recession has made this distress worse. One has to remember that the break-up of a family causes pain to every member and in every relationship; the emotional anguish of modern middle-class life is shocking.

I have visited a number of schools over the years, all of which have the same problem. It may be at its most intense in the comprehensives in deprived areas, but the "best" schools in the independent sector are all out-patient departments for the injured children of broken marriages. And these pressures from a suffering peer group fall on the children who have the better fortune to come from stable homes. Of course Eton will be caring for the family problems of Prince William, and will handle them with sympathy and skill. Eton housemasters know that a third of their students, or thereabouts, have experience of similar distress, though not of the same publicity. It is one of Eton's main tasks to care for these injuries.

From the heights of British sophistication, we may see the Irish as old-fashioned and unworldly because they have so far rejected divorce laws as the remedy for the problems of modern marriage. No one could suggest that Britain, where the breakdown of marriage is now among the worst in the world, should abolish divorce, or that we should reconstruct our society along Irish lines. We have gone too far for that. Yet the Irish do still have a choice: they can alter, or choose to confirm, the civilisation of their country.

Perhaps tomorrow the Irish will vote "yes" to divorce. If they do so, some unhappy people will indeed benefit, and will be able to dispose in a rational way of marriages long since dead. As against that, marriages which would have succeeded will then fail. Divorce will gradually become easier, the expectations of marriage will become lower, more women will be left on their own to look after the children, more children will suffer poverty and abandonment. Modern marriage can be a cruel thing, but mass divorce can be far, far more cruel. If I were Irish, I would vote "no".

God does throw dice

Nigel Hawkes on Stephen Hawking's new theory

Can we predict the future? Science is based on the assumption that the universe and everything in it follow natural laws. Once we understand those laws we can use them to predict how things will behave: from a given starting point, we can work out just what will happen next.

Perhaps the experience of weather-forecasting, governed by the laws of thermodynamics and atmospheric circulation, should have told us that nature is not so easily mastered. But last night, in a lecture at the Royal Albert Hall, Professor Stephen Hawking declared that things are even worse. Predicting the future is not just difficult: it is impossible.

Professor Hawking took his text from the French philosopher Laplace, who asserted that if at any one time one knew the positions and speeds of every perticle in the universe, one could predict its future and trace its past. His deterministic philosophy has become the unwritten creed of scientists. Yet it is an illusion, Professor Hawking claimed.

So is Einstein's conviction that God does not play dice. Einstein never quite came to terms with quantum theory, which is based not on certainty but on probability. His remark reflected his distaste for the idea that the universe could be based, like the National Lottery, on the laws of probability. He was wrong. "God does play dice with the universe," Professor Hawking asserted. "All the evidence points to His being an inveterate gambler who throws dice on every possible occasion."

Experience has shown that Laplace's view is mistaken, though most scientists continue to act as if it were true. "These scientists have not learned the lesson of history," he said. "It is just a pious hope that the universe is deterministic in the way that Laplace thought. The universe does not behave according to our preconceived ideas; it continues to surprise us."

The reasons had all emerged from 20th-century science, he said. First, quantum theory and the uncertainty principle had shown that it was not possible to know both the position and speed of every particle precisely, as Laplace hoped.

To measure the position of a particle, one has to shine light on it, and quantum theory means that this must be at least one quantum, the minimum package in which radiation of any sort can be conveyed. That would be enough to disturb the particle and affect its speed.

But more recent ideas such as black holes have eroded determinism even more, he said. Black holes are immensely dense concentrations of matter resulting from collapsed stars, where the gravitational field is so powerful that nothing can escape. When a black hole swallows up an object, the information it contains is lost. This might not matter, so long as it was thought that black holes would exist for ever. One could claim that the information still existed inside the black hole, even if it was inaccessible.

"The situation changed when I discovered that black holes aren't completely black", Professor Hawking said. "Quantum mechanics causes them to send out particles and radiation at a steady rate. The result came as a total surprise to me."

The radiation emitted by the black hole is independent of what goes in, and the emission of radiation will make the black hole grow steadily smaller, until it reaches zero mass and disappears altogether. Then the information about what went in will be irretrievably lost.

What all this means is that information will be lost when black holes are formed, and then evaporate, he said. This loss of information will mean we can predict even less than we thought on the basis of quantum theory. "Thus it seems that Einstein was doubly wrong when he said God does not play dice. Not only does God definitely play dice, but He sometimes confuses us by throwing them where they can't be seen."

But surely this argument doesn't apply to the everyday world, which is at least a few light years from the nearest black hole? Even that consolation is denied by Professor Hawking's argument. The uncertainty principle implies, he said, that space is full of tiny black holes, a hundred billion billion times smaller than the nucleus of the atom.

Because they are so small, the rate at which information is lost is very low — which is why the laws of science appear to be deterministic to a very good approximation. We can predict the motion of the planets, even even the weather for a few days ahead. But in extreme circumstances, such as the early universe, or in high-energy particle collisions, there could be a significant loss of information.

This means that the universe is constructed in a way which is intrinsically indeterminate. "One can calculate probabilities, but one cannot make any definite predictions," he said. "Thus the future of the universe is not completely determined by the laws of science and its present state, as Laplace thought. God still has a few tricks up his sleeve."

Stephen Hawking gave last night's Waterstone Lecture, sponsored by The Times *and Icon Books.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Ecu maniacal

TONY BLAIR's smooth-talking spin-doctor Peter Mandelson has abandoned an attempt to educate the broader public about the wonders of a single European currency. He has withdrawn his name from a Fabian Society pamphlet extolling its virtues.

His critics — both Tories and Labour — suggest that this is a clear case of Mandelson shooting himself in the foot. They claim pressure must have been brought to bear by Blair to ensure that Mandelson doesn't nail his European colours too firmly to the Labour mast.

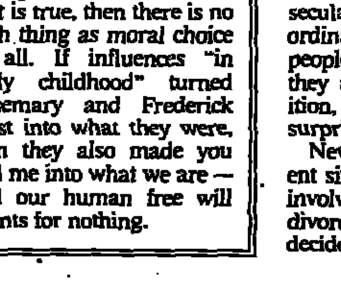
"Nonsense," retorts the image-maker's office. "He is writing a book, and the workload from the book is much more than expected. So he decided he couldn't do both."

In the event, the pamphlet, to which I am assured Mandelson contributed handsomely, has been published under the name of a less celebrated member: that of Keith Hill, the little-known Labour MP for Streatham.

● *Johnnie Cochran, the lawyer who defended O.J. Simpson, took time out from his British lecture tour on Tuesday night to go to the theatre. With his family in tow, he headed for Richard Harris's thriller* Dead Guilty *in the West End.*

Air apparent

AS PRESIDENT CLINTON'S visit at the end of this month draws nearer, the good people of Londonderry are enjoying a new pastime: watching the American Secret Service at work. "They obviously think they are being very inconspicuous," says one observer. "But it's not often you see men who are 6 ft 3 in, built like American football players and walking around in pairs wearing sunglasses in the Derry drizzle."



"Have you seen the dirty linen room?"

● *The whole country watched it — except, it seems, for Gillian Clarke. Mingling with her literary guests such as P.D. James, Doris Lessing and Beryl Bainbridge at a party in 11 Downing Street, she gamely admitted she hadn't watched* Panorama *on Monday night. But the shelfload of authors could talk of little else.*

Picture this

THE Royal College of Art has reached an appalling nadir. Its student union bar has closed at lunchtimes because of a lack of custom. Francis Bacon must be spinning in his grave.

"The students work incredibly hard and don't have time to drink," explains a spokesman for the college, dry as dust. John Hoyland, the abstract artist, has another theory: "Maybe they can't afford to drink. I doubt if it's because they are working too hard. When I taught at the Slade in the 1980s the students drank a terrific amount, always coming in with hangovers. But in the '60s they didn't because they were all smoking pot."

Earth moveth

THE NEW Archbishop of York, David Hope, found himself in an apocalyptic situation on Tuesday night in Jerusalem. Tired after a day leading a pilgrimage of 200 to see the Holy Places, His Grace was snoozing in his room at the King's Hotel when he was startled from sleep in Old Testament style. An earthquake struck in the middle of the night and the room shook with the force of the tremor.

"My room was on the seventh floor and it crossed my mind that at least if the building fell down I would be on top," says the Archbishop practically, if a little uncharitably. "I'd just come back from Jericho — and remember what happened to the walls there."

Touché, Forte

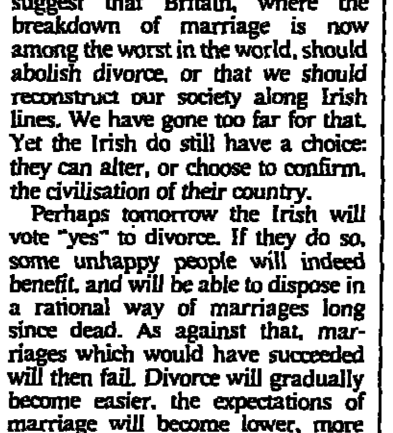
GRANADA may be a brute in the manner of its hostile bid for the Forte group, but has it reckoned with the persistence of Lady Forte? The grande dame attended a service in a Mayfair church recently, and visibly bristled when the regular church tramp shuffled in and sat next to her on the front row.

When he started snoring like a tuba, the situation became intolerable and she nudged him, telling him firmly to shut up. There were apologies, but the vagrant slumped forward and let out a roar which would not have disgraced a 64ft organ pipe. Lady Forte rustled in her handbag, hoiked out a tenner and flapped the note in front of the man's stubbled face. "Go and buy yourself a drink," she said.

"Shove off lady," he replied. "I am trying to pray".

Ms Bashful

ANOUSKA HEMPEL, the hotelier and fashion designer, who is married to Sir Mark Weinberg, is extending her empire in London. She will be opening a new hotel in Bayswater next spring. Her flagship, Blakes in South Kensington, is already known to the discerning.



Hempel: homestead

Details of style are being kept secret for now but the new hotel is to be called, modestly, the Hempel. In case guests should forget where they are staying, I understand that La Hempel has decided to invent a new address for the hotel — Hempel Square in Bayswater — to avoid confusion.

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BUTCHERS OF GLOUCESTER

Lessons must be learnt from the West killings

The crimes committed by Rosemary and Fred West, not just against strangers and friends but even against their own children, were so wicked as to surpass understanding. There is a limited purpose in even trying to understand. "How could they have done it?" is a question to be put aside in favour of the more prosaic, but also more considerable, question "could not some of the murders have been prevented?".

It does seem extraordinary that at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, 12 people could have been killed and many others subjected to sexual and violent abuse over a period of 36 years without attracting the attention of neighbours, friends, relatives, teachers, health professionals, the social services or the police. How could so many people have lived in or passed through the well-named House of Horrors without its dreadful secret being discovered?

This was no remote country cottage, but a semi-detached townhouse in the centre of a city. One neighbour was quoted yesterday as saying, "People tend to keep themselves to themselves — that's the way it is these days." So Fred West, under the cover of the peculiarly British obsession with DIY, was able to butcher and bury his victims without arousing any suspicions.

Should there not have been warning signs noticed by professionals? The police cannot easily be blamed for failing to spot a pattern of missing persons. The Wests were careful to spread their geographical net widely and to vary their techniques. Moreover they tended to concentrate their attention on those members of society who were least likely to be missed.

More culpable must be the health, education and social services departments. A report published yesterday by the Bridge Child Care Consultancy Service into the failings of Gloucestershire's child protection system finds a catalogue of errors and omissions that, had they been avoided, might have allowed professionals an entry into the macabre world that had been created by the Wests in Cromwell Street.

One incident of violence was followed up by the NSPCC, but only counselling and support were judged necessary. Another was reported to a teacher, but social services were not alerted. The school of Fred West's murdered daughter, Charmaine, did not question the story that she had moved to London, despite never receiving a request for her notes from another school. Clues were scattered all over the children's medical records, yet they were not picked up.

As the Bridge report says, "none of the information could be said to indicate the presence of potential multiple murder". But, taken together, these and other pieces of the jigsaw would at least have revealed enough of the picture to merit a police investigation, which might then have gone on to discover the serial killings. Tragically, the pieces were never connected.

The police and social services deserve praise for the way in which they eventually investigated the case; inquiries stemmed initially from a family "joke" about Heather being "under the patio". It was as a result of listening to children and believing them that action was finally taken. But it was too late for the Wests' victims.

Social workers always have to tread a precarious line between interfering too much and too little. They are criticised in equal measure for taking children away from families officiously and abandoning them to the violence of their parents. In this case, though, the sins were of omission. More could certainly have been done had professionals taken care to piece together the evidence. Greater vigilance would almost certainly have saved lives.

AT EUROPE'S GATE

A rebuff to Turkey would be an error of historic proportions

The European Parliament, a body which lacks either a governing majority or any tradition of party discipline, is about to take a decision whose strategic significance cannot be exaggerated. At stake is the future political orientation of Turkey. It is one of the few democracies in the Muslim world, the only avowedly secular one and a staunch member of Nato: a country which it is important to anchor closely to Western Europe. MEPs have the power to reject or ratify a customs union between Turkey and the European Union, due to come into force on January 1. The outcome, which is uncertain, will directly affect the Turkish general elections on December 24. Rejection would inflict terrible political damage on the coalition headed by Tansu Ciller, which faces a strong challenge from Turkey's fundamentalist Islamic Welfare Party.

Opposition comes from a core of British and other socialist MEPs, who argue that this treaty should be used as a lever to improve Turkey's record on human rights. Mrs Ciller's Government, which is anything but strong, has shown political courage in responding to these concerns. She has expanded political freedoms this year with 16 amendments to the 1982 constitution — the first amendments for 100 years to be approved by a democratic parliamentary vote. Article 8 of Turkey's objectionable anti-terrorism law has not been repealed, as MEPs were urging. But it has been liberalised and, although Turkey should still be pressed to revoke the sentences on four moderate pro-Kurdish politicians, many other political prisoners have been released.

Mrs Ciller flew to London yesterday to ask John Major and Tony Blair for help. Mr Major's support is assured; but it is Mr Blair who is best positioned to sway the vote in Strasbourg. The Labour leader may be reluctant to take her case on; he should not be.

Human rights should be seen as part of a broader political equation. Mrs Ciller's commitment to democratisation deserves to be taken seriously, as does her argument that Turkey needs time to eliminate the legacy of military government. Her pledge to end emergency rule in southeastern Turkey if she is re-elected is enormously controversial with the still-powerful military hierarchy — as it is with many Turks, whose reaction to the terrorist campaign of the Kurdistan Workers' Party is to be suspicious of any hint at dialogue even with moderate Kurdish leaders. A weak government facing elections cannot fight on every front at once.

The balance is decisively in favour of ratification. Quite aside from the benefits it would bring to European exporters, this treaty can only strengthen Turkey's economic modernisers and political reformers. The customs union was, moreover, agreed in principle 25 years ago; many Turks would see rejection at this final stage as proof that Europe has turned its back on their country. The backlash could be severe.

According to its own opinion polls, the Ciller coalition is only three points ahead of the Welfare Party; others put it behind. While it is relatively moderate by the standards of the Islamic world, Europeans should note that the Welfare Party opposes Turkey's membership of Nato, foreign investment, and the secular legacy of Ataturk. It would be bad for Turkey, and bad for Europe, if it gained ground in next month's elections. Despite these considerations, the socialist MEP caucus may be tempted to throw out this treaty just to show that it has muscles to flex. It would be an act of historic irresponsibility, and Mr Blair should say so.

PHYSICIST AS SUPERSTAR

A brief history of Stephen Hawking

When Einstein's theory of relativity was confirmed in 1919, he became a superstar overnight. Babies were named after him, and so, more improbably, was a brand of cigar. An impresario offered him the stage of the London Palladium for a three-week run; he could name his price. Today, it may be felt, his revolutionary theories would make less of an impact on a public sated with wonders and cynical about the likely effects of new discoveries. Yet last night the Royal Albert Hall was packed for a lecture from one of Einstein's heirs, the physicist Stephen Hawking. All 5,000 tickets for the event were sold within a few days of *The Times* announcing it.

This is by no means the first time that Professor Hawking has filled a huge auditorium; he does so regularly, all over the world. His book, *A Brief History of Time*, has exhausted the superlatives, heading the bestseller lists for years on end. Yet his work is not exactly easy. It explores the wilder shores of science, where understanding can only be achieved by a considerable intellectual effort of the kind that modern education and the soundbite society are supposed to have made impossible. The paradox demands explanation.

One powerful reason for listening to Professor Hawking is the miracle that he can speak at all. In an earlier age he would have been long silenced by the motor neurone disease which he has suffered since he was an undergraduate, but today a computer system and a voice synthesiser enable him to write and to speak. But if he had nothing interesting to say, the fascination of an Olympian mind trapped in a broken body would long since have worn off.

That it has not is a measure of the interest people have in understanding those areas of knowledge that lie on the borders of science and theology. Professor Hawking has been criticised both by theologians and by scientists for his use of the word God: the first because they believe he does not understand it, the second because they deem it slightly improper. He is unrepentant, as last night's lecture showed. "God still has a few tricks up his sleeve", the words with which he concluded his lecture, is the kind of pay-off line in which he rejoices.

He is led to that conclusion by an examination of whether the universe is truly deterministic, as Laplace believed. At the end of the 19th century, the high-water mark of determinism, many physicists were convinced that their subject was approaching full comprehensibility, with only a few loose ends to be tied up. The 20th century has shattered those convictions. Quantum theory, the uncertainty principle, and now the physics of black holes to which Professor Hawking has himself contributed so much, have shown us that determinism is an illusion. To hear that claim made by a physicist — of all people — is not the least of the paradoxes with which Professor Hawking delighted his audience last night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Assessments of the royal broadcast

From Mrs Jenny Baker

Sir, The Royal Family is a multi-million pound business, headed by the Queen, in which all of us have an interest. If a multi-million pound company appointed to its main board an inexperienced 19-year-old who was expected to accompany the managing director and engage in public duties without training or instruction that organisation would be regarded by its shareholders as behaving in a wholly irresponsible and reprehensible fashion.

Any major business knows the necessity — and benefits — of investing in human resources. Had the princess been trained, guided and encouraged in her role, as indeed the Royal Family are from birth, she could have proved one of their greatest assets. The support and appreciation of those closest to her might have made all the difference to her self-esteem — and possibly to the outcome of her marriage.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY BAKER (Chief Executive),
The Hallingbury Centre
(management development and
training),
The Hall, Great Hallingbury,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Ms Marjorie Wallace

Sir, In the debate following Princess Diana's frank confessions the Prince of Wales may seem to emerge as someone lacking knowledge and understanding of mental illness.

For seven years I have had frequent discussions with His Royal Highness on the subject and have watched him on many occasions with people who suffer and their families. Far from being aloof and uncaring, he shows remarkable empathy and compassion for those whose minds are troubled and helps them in a consistent, quiet way that does not always attract the headlines.

Yours sincerely,
MARJORIE WALLACE
(Chief Executive), SANE,
199-205 Old Marylebone Road, NW1.

From Mr C. J. Stapleton

Sir, Nigella Lawson is quite wrong today when she describes the man who called Nick Ross (Radio 4, Tuesday) and referred to the influence of "feminist dogma" on the Princess of Wales as "irate" and "distressed". He sounded perfectly rational and sensible to me.

One has only to consider the comments of Helena Kennedy, QC (later editions, November 21), "what we're dealing with is a modern woman, a post-feminist woman of the 90s who feels that she's got rights ..." to see that the Princess is being cast by some as a feminist icon and insinuated into a feminist role.

Yours sincerely,
C. J. STAPLETON,
21 Copse Drive,
Wokingham, Berkshire.
November 22.

From the Reverend Christopher Fenton

Sir, One thing the Princess of Wales's broadcast makes clear is that marriage is a mutual experience or it is nothing. Unless or until each partner is sufficiently sure of him or herself, such mutuality is unachievable.

To talk of a good team, as the Princess did, and then minutes later to refer to one member of the team being jealous of the other is a contradiction.

Yours truly,
C. M. T. FENTON,
The Leys, Aston, Kingsland,
Leominster, Herefordshire.

From Mr Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton (Conservative)

Sir, The Treason Act 1351, as amended, provides that it is high treason for a man to violate the wife of the Sovereign's eldest son and heir, for which the penalty on conviction remains death by hanging.

In view of the confession of HRH the Princess of Wales on Monday night, should not proceedings be issued immediately against Captain James Hewitt?

Yours faithfully,
NEIL HAMILTON,
House of Commons.

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, Mr Mark Bolland (letter, November 21) will be aware that the main reason for the newspaper industry's disbandment of the Press Council in 1990 and its instant replacement by the Press Complaints Commission was the assumed incompatibility of a complaints body combining an adjudicatory function with advocacy of freedom of the press.

If, as Mr Bolland's letter seems to imply, the commission does not now operate exclusively as a complaints body, the point I made in my letter (November 20) remains valid.

By warning the Princess of Wales that, by her BBC interview, she on her own, or on behalf of her two sons, may have forfeited any claim to the protection of the Press Complaints Commission on a future invasion of her privacy (report, November 20), Lord Wakeham has displayed partiality. He has thereby disqualified himself and the commission which he heads from adjudicating fairly on any future complaint from the Princess.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,
2 Ripplevale Grove, N1.

Budget suggestions to help recovery

From Dr S. J. Beales

Sir, I wish commentators speculating on the Budget would abandon the term "giveaway" Budget as used in the CBI report on your Business pages today, for instance. If taxes are reduced, "takeaway-less" would be a more accurate description.

Yours sincerely,
S. J. BEALES,
112 Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Essex.
November 13.

From the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir, Your report, "Ministers demand aid for homebuyers" (November 9), focuses on pressures on the Government to "do something" to help the housing market. I believe that many of the suggested solutions have not been thought through.

Housing is clearly an important part of the "feel-good factor", but any idea that a stable market can be created by a quick fix in the Budget is an illusion.

Many of the measures being canvassed, such as help for first-time buyers, are based on the mistaken assumption that the problem is one of affordability. It is not. The house-price-to-earnings ratio is at its most favourable for years, and there is much evidence to show that first-time buyers are now choosing two or three-bedroom semis rather than traditional starter homes.

Stability depends upon public confidence in the economy and the belief that Government will do nothing more to damage the attraction of owner-occupation. Recent changes to the mortgage benefit system, for example, have done nothing to inspire public confidence in the Government's long-term commitment to home ownership.

The Government can, therefore, do two things to help the housing market: help get key economic indicators moving in the right direction, and assure prospective homeowners that the terms on which they enter owner-occupation will not be altered by abrupt changes in government policy.

Yours etc,
SIMON POTT, President,
The Royal Institution of Chartered
Surveyors,
12 Great George Street,
Parliament Square, SW1.
November 13.

From Mr Ray Piggott

Sir, In response to your letters (November 11) on the late payment of company accounts, may I suggest a quality standard for adherence to agreed payments procedures and audited as with any other quality standard. Companies possessing the standard could attract advantageous prices and the culture of accepted late payment could be gradually eradicated.

Acquisition of such a standard could be affordable to even the smallest business and any firm supplying a customer without the standard would at least be forewarned.

Yours truly,
RAY PIGGOTT,
1 Stonepits Lane,
Hunt End, Redditch, Worcestershire.

'Positive' discipline for children

From Sir William Utting, Chairman, Gulbenkian Commission on Children and Violence

Sir, It is disappointing that *The Times*, without publishing a factual description of the report of the Commission on Children and Violence, which I chaired, has instead printed two opinion columns (Janet Daley, October 26, and Libby Purves, November 11) focusing narrowly on smacking. The physical punishment of children took up nine pages of a report of over 300 pages; it was one paragraph in ten pages of "priority recommendations" on the reduction of violence in society as a whole.

It is equally disappointing that most other commentators on the report have also confused smacking (which we are against) with discipline (which we are for). The commission made quite clear that children need discipline. It recommended "positive discipline" in place of counter-productive punishments, and many more pages of the report are devoted to the principles of positive discipline than are to the arguments against hitting children. But even more space is given to recommending the practical supports which are needed by parents in the difficult task of rearing children.

We can provide a free summary of the report to readers who wish to decide on the issues for themselves.

Yours faithfully,
BILL UTTING,
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation,
98 Portland Place, W1.
November 13.

From Mrs C. Cavaghan-Pack

Sir, It was regrettable that the Gulbenkian Commission on Children and Violence should come out so strongly against even the mildest form of physical punishment. This extreme viewpoint is supported by assertion rather than argument. But that is the hallmark of Epoch (End Physical Punishment of Children), which was represented on the commission.

It was, therefore, a relief to read Libby Purves's article, although I would go further than she on the age limit for smacking (up to 10 years in my view) and the need, on occasions, for something more than the hand (most effectively the wooden spoon).

What parents require is education. Smacking is not hitting out wildly at children when at the end of your tether but a controlled application administered with love, fairness and consistency. The trouble is that the approach of "never smack at all" is unrealistic and positively dangerous. It encourages parents to bottle up their anger and then discharge it in ways they may regret.

Yours faithfully,
CHARIS CAVAGHAN-PACK,
The Manor House,
Thurloxton, Taunton, Somerset.
November 14.

From Mrs Jane Whiter

Sir, As a child I was not slapped: my mother disapproved of physical punishment and so used to tell me that if I did such and such, she wouldn't love me. This terrified me then and appals me now.

Consequently, I preferred to slap my sons. I still remember their expressions of chill irony when I cuffed them both for fighting with the words, "When will you two learn that violence solves nothing?"

I await with interest to see how they will discipline their, as yet putative, children.

Yours faithfully,
JANE WHITER,
35 Market Street,
Swavesey, Cambridge.
November 17.

Immunity certificates

From Mr Peter Ellis

Sir, I disagree with the case put forward by Mr Rupert Allason, MP (letter, November 20), that a trial judge should treat a public-interest immunity certificate as being no more than a request for him to determine whether or not a claim should prevail. It should not, in my view, be the judge's responsibility to decide what the public interest requires (nor has he the knowledge to do so). It should be the minister's.

What the trial judge can and should do, and in every case, is to inspect any documents to which the claim can relate, and determine whether, on the facts of that case, there would be unacceptable unfairness to the accused in his being deprived of the information for the purposes of his defence.

Whether he could always do that adequately without argument from the accused and his lawyers is a more difficult point.

If unfairness is foreseen, the judge should announce that finding. If the minister then stood by his claim, it would be for the Attorney-General to exercise his power and duty of discontinuing a prosecution where there were serious reasons in the public interest for doing so.

The difficulty for the minister would lie in those cases where it was a claim, as allowed by the law, merely in order to uphold the principle of secrecy for certain kinds of communication, even though the actual content of the particular communication happened to be innocuous.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ELLIS,
Forge Cottage,
Long Sutton, Somerset.
November 20.

Wrong side of line

From Ms Penny A. Harvey

Sir, Rarely have I identified so closely with a newspaper item as with Peter Millar's article concerning *The Thin Blue Line* ("Too much sauce from Mr Bean", November 15). In this show and others (*Agony Again*, for instance and *Casualty*) the BBC seems increasingly cavalier in its attitude towards the 9 o'clock watershed. ITV are just as bad, with *The Bill* frequently covering unsavoury topics.

Current surveys reveal a split in public attitudes towards the degree of sex (and violence) in programmes shown on TV; not surprisingly, people without children are usually unconcerned, whereas those of us with young children are often alarmed by the content of many programmes billed as family viewing.

We are not prudes; we just wish to be able to switch the TV on safely prior to 9 o'clock, knowing that after that time we may have to exercise our judgment as to whether a programme is suitable for our children to watch. I hope the Broadcasting Standards Council will take action.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. HARVEY,
2 Berwyn View,
Little Heath Road, Littleton, Chester.
November 15.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Gift of chair to Oxford defended

From the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and the Master of Balliol

Sir, Your article, "Why honour a war criminal?" (November 18), says that the Fellows of Balliol College, Oxford, "agreed to accept" funding for a new professorship although "they were not informed that the chair bore the name" of a Nazi war criminal, Friedrich Flick.

It should be made clear that the gift from Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick to establish, for a five-year period, a new Professorship of European Thought was made to the university rather than to Balliol College: though the chair is attached to that college, it received none of the funds.

Secondly, it was named [the Flick professorship] after its donor, Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick.

Thirdly, when nearly a year ago the university was made aware of the allegations of concern over the Flick family, the matter was referred immediately to the appropriate university committee, which exists to address just such concerns. Extensive consideration was given to the matter, with inquiries made both in this country and in Germany, coupled with consultation with senior members of the Jewish community.

The committee found no grounds for associating the name of Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick with the appalling events in Germany in the 1930s and during the war, or for supposing that Dr Flick, or the various recipients of his very considerable personal generosity, could be regarded as beneficiaries of those events. Indeed, as your report (earlier editions only) indicated, Dr Flick's abhorrence of a dark period in the family history has been made very clear.

The suggestion in the article that the university would accept money "based on the proceeds of slavery or other grossly immoral practices" is, frankly, preposterous. The university does not need a "code" to prevent it from doing that. The committee to which we have just referred exists to ensure that that does not happen inadvertently.

Yours sincerely,
PETER NORTH,
Vice-Chancellor,
COLIN LUCAS,
Master of Balliol College,
University Offices,
Wellington Square, Oxford.

From Mr Nathan Gelber

Sir, As a first-generation Jewish descendant of Holocaust survivors in Germany I happen to be a close friend of Dr G-R. Flick. There can be no question whatsoever about Dr Flick's motivation for his generosity in supporting endless causes, including Jewish charities.

Perhaps the writer of your article, Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, should have recommended renaming the chair the "Dr G-R. Flick Professorship in European Thought", to make entirely clear that the donation was not provided in the name of a Nazi.

Yours sincerely,
NATHAN GELBER,
19-21 Old Bond Street, W1.

From the President of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Sir, Whatever the merits of Balliol's acceptance of money from the heirs of Friedrich Flick, it is quite inappropriate to describe the activities which Flick helped to fund at Natzweiler concentration camp as "ethnographic research".

Ethnography is the term for social studies in a community by an anthropologist living among the local people: a far cry indeed from the grotesque murders at Natzweiler and Strasbourg University carried out (according to Robert Jay Lifton's *The Nazi Doctors*) by an SS professor of anatomy.

Yours etc,
ROLAND LITTLEWOOD,
President,
Royal Anthropological Institute
of Great Britain and Ireland,
50 Fitzroy Street, W1.
November 20.

Loss of face

From Mr Jonathan Ruffer

Sir, Am I alone in disliking your "thematic" photographs of corporate management trying on ties, sipping water or digging holes?

Today's sight of Vodaphone's Sir Gerald Whent smiling sheepishly from what appears to be an outsize medieval chastity belt was not a pretty one. It is time to put the chairman back where he belongs: on a chair.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN RUFFER,
Chief Executive,
Ruffer Investment Management Ltd,
12 Upper Grosvenor Street, W1.
November 22.

No man's land?

From Mr W. S. Burnett

Sir, Many North Brits are baffled by the recent emergence of that geographical enigma "Middle England".

Can we see it from the M6 and can anyone go there? Does it have a post code?

Yours faithfully,
W. S. BURNETT,
Pheasant Wood,
Munlochy, Ross-shire.
November 21.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 22: His Excellency Mr Gendengiin Nyamdoo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from Mongolia to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Boldyn Navchaa was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

The Queen received the Bishop of Derby (the Right Reverend Jonathan Bailey) who did Homage upon his appointment.

The Queen received the Bishop of St Albans (the Right Reverend Christopher Herbert) who did Homage upon his appointment.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (the Lord President of the Council) administered the Oaths.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet) was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales and The Princess Royal were present.

The Orchestra of The Scots Guards palayed selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning presented the National Playing Fields Association President's Certificates for 1995 at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, later presented the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award at the Science Museum, London SW7.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Phoenix Appeal, this afternoon visited University College London, Gower Street, London WC1, to mark the conclusion of the Appeal.

Nvember 22: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Concert given by the London Mozart Players at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

November 22: The Princess Royal, Patron, this morning opened the School of Occupational Therapy, University of Brighton, Robert Dodd Building, Darley Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Her Royal Highness later opened the Maidenbower Community and Day Care Centre, Harvest Road, Maidenbower, Crawley, West Sussex.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Nutrition Foundation, this afternoon attended the Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Royal College of Physicians, St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, afterwards opened the Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Farms for City Children, this evening attended the book launch for Muck and Magic at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, London W1.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 22: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morning presided at a meeting at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon presented the Fifth Norsk-Hydro Award for Water Quality Improvement at the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, John Adam Street, London WC2.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman, the Royal Collection Trust, later attended a Trustees' Meeting at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a briefing on military developments in Bosnia at the Ministry of Defence.

The Prince of Wales this evening inaugurated the new lighting system at Trafalgar Square, London WC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 22: The Princess of Wales left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening to visit Argentina.

Viscountess Campden, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford are in attendance.

November 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today unveiled a sculpture to the memory of Henry Purcell in Christchurch Gardens, Victoria, London, SW1.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended the Festival of Saint Cecilia Luncheon, in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund, at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

November 22: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Glaxo-Wellcome plc and presented the Anglo-Mexican Scholarship Awards and afterwards opened the new branch of the Anglo-Mexican Institute, Mexico City.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited the Amistad British Mexican (BRIMEX) Clinic and the American British Cowdray (ABC) Hospital, Mexico City.

Later Their Royal Highnesses visited the British Embassy and subsequently the British Council, Mexico City.

In the afternoon The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester called on the Mayor of Mexico City (Lic Oscar Espinosa Villareal) and afterwards attended a Luncheon at Patio de Honour, Antiguo, Palacio de Ayuntamiento, Mexico City.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Reception given by Mr Adrian Beamish (Her Majesty's Ambassador) and Mrs Beamish at the British Embassy, Mexico City.

YORK HOUSE
November 22: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited QDF Components Limited, Victory Road, Derby, Derbyshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Mr John Bather).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited International Combustion Limited, Smith Lane, Derby, Derbyshire.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 22: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon left London to attend a performance of "La Cenerentola" by Pavilion Opera, in aid of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, at the British Embassy in Paris.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Young people co-operate in project to improve estate

Garden of hope in a jungle of despair

By John Young

MARTIN BEDDALL

Guarded by a tiger, Tom Loach, aged 3, plays in the garden

THE London borough of Newham, the heart of the old docklands, has not been dealt much of a hand by fate. Bombed to rubble in the Second World War, rebuilt with the highest density of tower blocks of flats in Britain, it is now bisected by expressways designed to speed Essex commuters in and out of the capital.

The borough competes with nearby Hackney for the distinction of being the most deprived in Britain. Unemployment is nearly 20 per cent, a third of the population depends on income support and a quarter have an income of less than £5,000 a year.

Keir Hardie, the great socialist reformer, would probably not approve very much of what he saw or heard, could he return today. But in a corner of the vast estate named after him is a tiny spring of hope, a place where young people can escape to peace and safety and to explore their dreams of a better future.

The South Canning Town Sculpture Garden occupies an open space, measuring only about 80ft square, at the back of a house run as a youth centre. The plot used to be derelict grassland and facilities for drying clothes, which residents seldom used because of poor access and fears that their washing would be stolen.

The garden has been designed to include a woodland; a quasi-tropical jungle; a mediterranean garden with vines, exotic vegetables and barbecue tables; a Zen garden for counselling, meditation and aromatherapy; a miniature Islamic pavilion; a "south sea island" playground for under-fives; and a centre circle for concerts and drama performances.

It is all on a highly restricted scale, but the need for even such a modest amenity is shown by the fact that it is regularly used by some 250 people ranging from young children to adults in their mid-twenties starting their own families. Because young local people were involved from the outset, it has escaped the vandalism which afflicts many other efforts at environmental improvement.

The garden is a joint venture by the South Canning Town Youth Project and Theatre Venture, an enterprise which operates from the top floor of a primary school and aims to foster an interest in the arts among young people. "This was quite different from anything else we have ever tried," Steve Moffitt, Theatre Venture's director, said. "We had no idea how it would work out."

The answer appears to be remarkably well. With a £20,000 sponsorship from BT and financial help from the Shell Better Britain Campaign, the Carnegie Trust, the London Arts Board and Newham council, which also provided the land at a peppercorn rent, the £45,000 project was launched in April last year and officially opened on June 1 this year. It employs a designer, Kevin McKeon, and a landscape gardener, Rose Blackshaw, who are both looking forward to similar projects in North Woolwich and Silvertown.

The South Canning Town Sculpture Garden is one of the winners of the 1995 Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times *and Touche Ross.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.W. Briggs and Miss D.M. fforde
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr William F.E. Briggs and of Mrs William F.E. Briggs, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. John B. fforde, of Brook, Surrey.

Mr F.P.L. Clauson and Miss B. Kavanagh
The engagement is announced between Francis, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Clauson, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, and Brigid, fifth daughter of Mr and Mrs James Kavanagh, of Kiltilly, Co Wexford.

Mr L. Flexman and Miss K.R. Wassell
The engagement is announced between Leon, son of Captain and Mrs John Flexman, of Lagos, Nigeria, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wassell, of Colchester, Essex.

Mr H.R.J. Fowler and Miss H. Kawamata
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Fowler, of London and the British High Commission, Dhaka, and Hiroko, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Katsuji Kawamata, of Osaka, Japan.

Mr C.E.P. Fremantle and Miss S.C. Beale
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Robin Fremantle, of Fannyfield, Evanton, Ross-shire, and Mrs June Fremantle, of Soberton, Hampshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mrs Anne Beale, of Tweedhill, Berwickshire, and of the late Mr Richard Beale, of Drumlamford, Ayrshire.

Mr A. Mueller and Miss C.F. Rathbone
The engagement is announced between Anton, son of G. Anton Mueller, of Twisp, Washington, USA, and of Susan Cosgriff Kirk, of Denver, Colorado, USA, and Tina, daughter of Tim Rathbone, MP, of Ripe, East Sussex, and Margarita Nutting, of Hammersmith, London.

Mr D.J. Harvey and Miss F.A. Howells
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr Denis Harvey, of Cromer, Norfolk, and Mrs Carol Harvey, of Southend, Essex, and Frances, daughter of Dr T. Hilary and Dr Basia Howells, of Totteridge Green, London, N20.

Mr N.W. Plumbridge and Miss E.J. Fretwell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs William Plumbridge, of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, and Emma, daughter of Sir John and Lady Fretwell, of London.

Dr R. Taylor and Miss S. Donn
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Taylor, of Mirfield, Yorkshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Donn, of Shavington, Cheshire.

Mr J.G.L. Wall and Miss J.M. Pfeiffer
The engagement is announced on Thanksgiving Day between Jeremy Wall, now of New York and formerly of Rome, son of the late Mr and Mrs Lynton Wall, of Hamstreet, Kent, and Jeanine Pfeiffer, of Davis, California, daughter of the late Mr John Pfeiffer and of Mrs Jean Pfeiffer, of Palm Harbor, Florida.

Commander T.N.E. Williams, RN, and Mrs H.J. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Tim Williams, of Ringstead Bay, Dorset, and Jane Hutton, *née* Perrins, of Alhampton, Somerset. The marriage will take place in December and a reception will be held at Ringstead in July 1996.

Mr J.D. Wright and Miss R.C. Blackshaw
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Rev D. Wright and of Mrs J.L. Wright, of Southsea, Portsmouth, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Blackshaw, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Dinners

Austrian Ambassador
The Austrian Ambassador and Mrs Hennig gave a dinner last night at the Embassy for former members of the Allied Commission for Austria and the Military Government Land Steiermark to mark fifty years of the Second Austrian Republic.

Inner Temple
The Treasurer, Lord Justice Hirst, and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the following guests at dinner last night, it being the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term:
Viscount Hood, Viscount Knutsford, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lady Russell of Killowen, Sir Thomas Bingham, Lord Justice Glidewell (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Simon Brown, Sir Reresby Sitwell, Sir Marcus Worsley, Sir John Graham, Sir Richard Lloyd, Mr Justice Waterhouse (treasurer, Middle Temple), Sir Antony Acland, Sir Jeremy Morse, Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, Sir John Smith, CH, Sir Peter Cazalet, Sir Charles Tidbury, Lady Hirst, Dr Eric Anderson, Mr Tim Card, Mr John Lewis, Mr Oliver Lodge (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Mr George Staple, Mrs Rachel Nugee, Mrs Stella Rimington, Mrs Penelope Hobhouse, Mr Julian Hirst, Miss Rachel Hirst and Brigadier Peter Little, (sub-treasurer).

Westminster Dining Club
Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, and Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, were the hosts at a dinner of the Westminster Dining Club held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Ms Kate Blewett was the guest speaker. Lord MacKay of Ardbrecknish, Minister of State at the Department of Social Security, was among the guests.

Gardeners' Company
Mr David Gollin, Master of the Gardeners' Company, presided, assisted by Mr Ian Flanagan and Mr Peter Franklin, Wardens, at the autumn court dinner held yesterday at Drapers' Hall. The Chairman of the Countryside Commission, the Director-General of the City and Guilds Institute of London and Mr James Seymour also spoke. Afterwards the Master presented the Gardeners' Company prizes to students from Wye College and RHS Wisley.

Royal College of Pathologists
Professor Alastair Bellingham, President of the Royal College of Pathologists, and Mrs Bellingham were the hosts at the annual dinner held last night at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Sir Terence English and Professor Brian Edwards were the speakers. Earlier, Professor R.A. Weiss delivered the Foundation Lecture at the annual meeting.

Travellers Club
Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, former Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong, was the Guest of Honour at a Club Evening dinner held on November 22. He spoke about Hong Kong and its relationship with China now and in the future.

Queen Mary and Westfield College
Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Sir Christopher France, chairman of council, presided at a guest night dinner held last night at the college.

Passenger Shipping Association
Lord Clinton-Davis was the speaker at the annual dinner of the Passenger Shipping Association held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Mr Eric Phippin, chairman, presided.

Service dinners

Rosyth Submarine Engineers
Captain D.A. Hall was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Rosyth Submarine Engineers held last night in *HMS Cochrane*. Lieutenant-Commander D. K. Clark presided. Lieutenant K.J. Taylor also spoke.

EF2000 Support Management
Group Captain D.N. Case and the Officers of the EF2000 Aircraft Support Management branch were the hosts at the annual dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe. Mr John Weston, Chairman and Managing Director of British Aerospace Defence, and Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin, Controller Aircraft, Ministry of Defence, were the principal guests.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the National Asthma Campaign.

National Federation of Women's Institutes
The NFWI held their first annual Making a World of Difference Awards, on November 21, 1995, at the Royal Society, honouring Susan Hampshire, Jane Reed, Helena Kennedy, QC, and Jill Pitkeathley.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend an event mounted by Africa '95 and Deptford City Challenge, at Deptford, SE8, at 2.20.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Life Member of the British Sub-Aqua Club, will present the 1994 Duke of Edinburgh's prize at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; as patron, will present British Athletic Federation awards and plaques at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; and, as Patron and Twelfth Man, will present the Lord's Taverners Trophy at Buckingham Palace at noon.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a reception at BT Headquarters, Northstar House, Swindon, at 12.10 to launch Swindon Partnership; as President of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Swindon Carers Centre, 25 Morley Street, at 11.00; will open the new extension to Swindon Magistrates' Court, Princes Street, at 1.40; and will visit Prospect Hospice, Moormead Road, Wroughton, at 2.45. Later, as Honorary Air Commodore of London University Air Squadron, she will attend the 60th anniversary dinner at 206 Brompton Road, SW3, at 7.45.

Princess Margaret will open the Rye Memorial Care Centre, at 11.45.

The Duke of Kent will attend the Royal Concert, the Festival Hall, 7.15.

Birthdays today

Professor Emeritus Colin Adamson-Macedo, electrical engineer, 73; Mr Nicholas Baker, MP, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs, 57; Mrs Anne Burns, former gliding champion, 80; Mr John Cole, broadcaster, 68; Mr Rob Denmark, athlete, 27; Mr Bruce Edgar, cricketer, 38; Colonel Sir Allan Gilmour, former Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 79; Mr Michael Gough, actor, 78; Mr G.J. Hearne, chairman and chief executive, Enterprise Oil, 58; Sir John Hermon, former Chief Constable, RUC, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, 73.

Sir David Lees, chairman and chief executive, GKN, 59; Mr Christopher Logue, poet and author, 69; Mr Alan Mullery, footballer, 54; Mr J.C. Oxley, director-general, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 57; Mr Krzysztof Penderecki, composer, 62; Mr Anton Pool, former chairman, Philips Electronics and Associated Industries, 66; Lord Prosser, 61; Miss Diana Quick, actress, 49; Sir Peter Saunders, theatrical producer, 84; Sir Peter Strawson, philosopher, 76; Professor John Tarn, former Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool University, 61; Mr Nigel Tranter, author, 86; Lieutenant-Colonel George West, former comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 58.

Luncheons

Musicians Benevolent Fund
Princess Margaret was present at a luncheon of the Musicians Benevolent Fund held yesterday at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, to mark the Festival of St Cecilia. Sir Ian Hunter, chairman, presided. Mr Andrew Davis, Chief Conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, was the principal speaker. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord Chelmer, Lady Elizabeth Basset, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Lady Groves, Sir Claus Moser, Sir John Tooley, Sir David Willcocks, the Very Rev Professor Sir Henry and Lady Chadwick, Mr John Amis, Miss Teresa Cahill, Miss Elizabeth Connell, Mr Leopold de Rothschild, Miss Ida Haendel, Mrs Sue Hammerston, Mrs Lilian Hochhauser, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr Nicholas Kenyon, Mr Nicholas Maw, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Mr Stephen Roberts, Mrs Ralph Vaughan Williams and Mr David Wilson-Johnson.

The Duke of Bragança
Dom Duarte, Duke of Bragança, was the guest of honour at a luncheon held at the Sephardi Centre in Maida Vale, London. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided and Rabbi Abraham Levy and Mr John Gommes also spoke.

Election

Mr Richard Henriques, QC, has been elected leader of the Northern Circuit from January 1. He will succeed Mr Rodney Klevan, QC.

Memorial services

Mr David Thompson, QC
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Master McKenzie, QC, Queen's Coroner and Attorney, Master of the Crown Office, Registrar of Criminal Appeals and of the Courts Martial Appeal Court, at a memorial service for Mr David Richard Thompson, QC, held yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev Felix Boyse officiated.

Miss Anna Hiseman, granddaughter, read from the works of John Donne and Charles Péguy, and Mr Anthony Thompson, son, read from the works of Dylan Thomas. Master McKenzie, QC, also representing the Litigation section of the State Bar of California, gave an address. Miss Barbara Thompson, daughter and alto saxophonist, played *Sanaid Grove*. Members of the family and many friends and colleagues were present.

Colonel Diana Anderson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Diana Geraldine Mary Anderson, Colonel Commandant QARANC, was held yesterday at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot. The Rev R.A. Owen, CF, and Mgr J. O'Sullivan officiated. The Collect of the QARANC was led by Colonel J.M. Arigho, Director Army Nursing Services and Matron-in-Chief (Army).

Major-General F.B. Mayes, Director General Army Medical Services, and Major D. J. Machray, Regimental Secretary QARANC, read the lessons. Colonel J.V. Grieve gave an address. Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs Roger Anderson (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs David Pine (brother-in-law and sister) and other members of the family; Lord and Lady Westbury, Lady Talbot, Major-General J T Coull (Representative Colonel Commandant RAMC) and Mrs Coull, Mrs Mayes, Colonel W P Fletcher (Colonel Commandant Royal Army Dental Corps) and Mrs Fletcher, Brigadier J O E Moriarty, Brigadier V M Rooke, Brigadier J M Field, Colonel John Dixon-Nuttall and Brigadier H S Dixon-Nuttall, Colonel K Grimshaw, Colonel V J Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel M A Nesbitt (chairman, QARANC Association) and many other friends and colleagues.

Lady Clio Crawford

A memorial service for the life of Lady Clio Crawford will be held at the Greek Cathedral of St Sophia, Moscow Road, W2, on December 6, at 6pm.

Lectures

Anglo-Argentine Society
Señor Jorge Edwards, the writer and Ambassador of Chile at Unesco in Paris, delivered the annual Jorge Luis Borges lecture to the Anglo-Argentine Society, arranged with the Anglo-Chilean Society, yesterday at the Royal Aeronautical Society. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided. Later Mr R. Anthony Robinson, chairman, welcomed the guests at a reception.

English Speaking Union
Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presided at the 1995 Churchill Lecture delivered by Lord Dahrendorf, Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, at Guildhall yesterday. Lord Holme of Cheltenham also spoke. Sir Derek and Lady Birkin were the hosts at a reception held afterwards. Among those present were:
Ambassadors of Brazil, Egypt, Germany and the Slovak Republic, Lady Soames, Lady Dahrendorf, Lady Holme, Lord Taylor of Gryfe and Lord and Lady Prior.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Manuel de Falla, composer, Cadiz, 1876; Boris Karloff, actor, London, 1887.

DEATHS: Thomas Tallis, organist and composer, London, 1585; André Malraux, writer and statesman, Paris, 1976.

The River Thames froze, 1434.

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BIRTHS

BETTLEY-SMITH - On November 21st, to Judith Patricia and Robert, a son, Samuel James, a brother for John Robert and Mary Ellen, and always remembering Paul.

BISHOP - On November 16th at Frimley Park Hospital, to Julian and Kathie, a daughter, Tessa Sorel, a sister for Guy.

BRAY - On 20th November, to Peter and Lee Bain (née Mollison), a son, Benedict Bain, a brother for Maximilian.

BUTLER - On 8th November Paul and Fiona are delighted to announce the birth of their son Thomas Philip George at St George's Hospital, Tooting.

COURT - To Susan (née Knight) and Alistair, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth on 18th November 1995.

ENGLANDER - On November 20th, at University College Hospital, to Leanda (née Kroll) and Peter, a son, William Daniel, a brother for Simon and Tom.

HERBERT - On November 21st, to Chica and Harry, a daughter Francesca Jennie.

HOLDER - On October 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Kinvara (née Cayzer) and Alan, a beautiful daughter, Sasha Kinvara, a sister for Sam, Katie and Turoe.

MILLINGTON-DRAKE - On November 18th, to Tarquin and Alice (née Williams), a daughter, Madeleine Alice, a sister for Hamish.

MOULSON - On 20th November to Sarah (née Mather) and Richard a son, James Roger.

STUART-MENTETH - On 12th November 1995, to Nicola and Charles, a daughter, Sophie Emily Flora, a sister for Alice, Celia and Missy, not forgetting Alastair.

DEATHS

ANGUS - Iain Douglas Maclennan, on Sunday November 19th 1995, aged 72, in Bristol Royal Infirmary, dearly loved husband of Helen for 46 years. Much loved and admired father of Sheena and father-in-law of Terence and adored grandfather (Pa) of Lucy, Charlotte and William. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will be held at The United Reformed Church, Brislington, Bristol on Tuesday November 28th at 11 am followed by committal at South Bristol Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations, if wished, to The Stroke Association c/o Thomas Davis Funeral Directors, 57 Sandy Park Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3PQ, (01179) 717697.

AUTIN - Madeleine peacefully in her sleep on Sunday November 19th 1995, adored and devoted sister of Marie-Louise. Funeral Service Monday November 27th at Breakspear Crematorium (East Chapel) at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations to Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey c/o Southall Funeral Service, 70 Western Road, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 5DZ, (0181) 571-0621.

DAY - Barbara, peacefully at home in Pickering, on November 20th. Much loved by her family and many friends. Funeral Service at Pickering Parish Church, on Monday November 27th at 12.15 pm followed by cremation. No flowers, donations if so desired to Pickering Parish Church.

GIBSON - On November 18th, Brian, aged 59 years, (former TV Producer). Enquiries to J & M Humphris, Funeral Directors, (01296) 265424.

HENDERSON - Jerry peacefully in Capetown on 22nd November. A much loved father, grandfather and friend.

HESLEWOOD - On 18th November 1995, peacefully at Meadbank N/H, Battersea, Elizabeth aged 94, daughter of Tom Heslewood, mother of Anne, grandmother of Marie-Louise, Edward, Susan and Victoria and great-grandmother of nine. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium Monday 27th November 1995 at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Crematorium. If desired donations to Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

HUBBARD - On October 30th 1995, Beatrice Hubbard of Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, aged 89 years. Enquiries to Mrs C. Tabor, telephone Cambridge 248074.

IZYCKI - On October 16th 1995, Stefan Izycki of Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, aged 85 years. Enquiries to Mrs C. Tabor, telephone Cambridge 248074.

JACK - On November 20th 1995, Margaret (Peggy) aged 84 years. Peacefully after a short illness. Much loved sister of Anthony and treasured aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, on Tuesday November 28th at 12.30 pm.

JOHNSON - Peacefully on November 21st, at St George's Nursing Home, Cobham, Surrey, Lucy Ida Celia, aged 81. Widow of Professor Alan Johnson, F.R.S., and mother of Vivien and Robin. Late of Selmeston, Sussex. Family funeral at Lustleigh Parish Church, Devon.

LOCKER - On 22nd November at home, James Thomas Challis, much loved husband of Jane, father of Thomas and Sarah, brother of Hazel and stepfather of Richard, Nicholas and Peter. Funeral to take place at Tollard Royal Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 28th November. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of James to the MacMillan Trust c/o R.T. Adlem Funeral Directors, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5NJ.

LAPSLEY - On 21st November Air Marshal Sir John H. Lapsley, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C., A.F.C., of Aldeburgh, very dear husband of Millicent and the late Jean, father of Peter and Penelope and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Benhall, Suffolk on Wednesday 29th November at 11 am followed by a Private Cremation. Family flowers only, if desired donations to be made payable to The Stroke Association, c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in London at a later date.

MENINSKY - Nora peacefully at home on Tuesday 21st November aged 92, widow of Bernard. Loved by many friends. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 24th November at 2.45 pm.

MORRIS - Peacefully, at home, on November 20th, 1995, W I C Morris (Ian) F.R.C.O.G., Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology University of Manchester, beloved husband of the late Mary Farquharson, dear father of Jane and a loving grandfather to Patrick, Emma, Dominic and Mary Marcella. Funeral service on Saturday, November 25th, in Dundee Crematorium at 11.15 am, to which all friends are respectfully invited, family flowers only please.

MORTON - Clara Beauchamp aged 81 on November 19th suddenly at home in Tavistock, much loved sister of Sheila, Patricia, Stella and Dacre and beloved aunt and great-aunt of her many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service at Tavistock Parish Church on Wednesday November 29th at 12.30 pm, thence Weston Mill Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations if so desired for The R.S.P.B., to S.J. Backwell, Brookdale Funeral Home, 32A Brook Street, Tavistock, PL19 0HE, tel: (01822) 612054.

MURRELL - On November 13th 1994, Frances Murrell of Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, aged 78 years. Enquiries to Mrs C. Tabor, telephone Cambridge 248074.

OMMANNEY - On November 20th 1995, Major Peter Richard Ommanney (late 1st Gurkha Rifles) peacefully at Lymington Hospital, Hants. Aged 84 years. Beloved father of Martin and Mandy. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, November 29th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Gurkha Welfare Trust c/o Miss J. Craig, 3rd Floor, 88 Baker Street, London W1M 2AX.

ROBERTSON - On Sunday November 19th at St George's Nursing Home, Pimlico, Frances Theodora Stewart (Theo), aged 92. Long time friend of India and active member of the W.R.V.S. Enquiries to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1, tel: (0171) 834-4624.

ROWELL - Margaret. Died peacefully, November 21st at home, aged 88 years. Service and cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Wednesday 29th November 1995 at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations if desired to Age Concern c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UL, tel: (0171) 229-3810.

SAXON-HARROLD - Derek, of Salisbury. Enquiries to Will Case and Partners tel: (01722) 414821.

SEVERA - On 17th November 1995 peacefully at home, Helga Augusta Martha aged 64, devoted wife of Stefan, beloved mother of Nadja, Stefanie and Igor and grandmother of Daniel. In our hearts forever. Funeral on Monday 27th November 1995. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2 4UL.

TAYLOR - On 19th November Moyra Frances, beloved wife of Peter and mother of Jill, Robert and Clare and much loved grandmother of James, Eleanor, Tanya, Stevie and Suzy. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving for her life at St Mary's Parish Church, Long Crendon, at 2 pm on Monday 27th November. No flowers at her request but donations if desired to National Deaf Children's Society, 15 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8PD.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ROSSI - Michael, 23rd November 1985. In constant memory. Anguish fades, love lasts forever. L.R.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

RUSSELL - Elizabeth. A Thanksgiving Service for Elizabeth Russell, wife of the late Guy Russell, will take place on Monday 18th December 1995 at St Michael's Church, Chenies at 11 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HURGHADA By Monarch Flight from Gatwick 1st week April 1995. 3 city types diving. Lone windsurfer too tired to talk - now wide awake for contact with one across the aisle. Box No 2053

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MAJOR-GENERAL ERIC MACKAY

Major-General Eric Mackay, CBE, Chief Engineer of the British Army of the Rhine, 1973-76, died on November 16 aged 73. He was born in India on December 26, 1921.

THE story of the 2nd Parachute Battalion's defence of the Arnhem Bridge over the lower Rhine — *A Bridge Too Far* — is well known. Eric Mackay's epic four-day defence of the school overlooking the bridge is less so. Mackay had led his troop of the 1st Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers for two years throughout the 1st Parachute Division's operations in the Mediterranean: Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. When they landed by parachute at Arnhem in September 1944, they were a closely knit, experienced body of 60 battle-hardened men, most of whom were marksmen.

During the initial advance into Arnhem, Mackay and his troop fought their way through to join the 2nd Parachute Battalion at the northern end of the bridge. While 2 Para held the buildings on the western side of the approach ramp to the bridge, Mackay fortified the dominating three-storey school building on the eastern side, from the upper windows of which he could bring fire down upon any vehicles which attempted to cross the bridge.

As the second day dawned, Mackay's men were beating off a number of infantry attacks on the school when a force of Panzer Grenadiers in armoured half-tracks, led by armoured cars, came across the bridge from the south. Having no anti-tank weapons, Mackay had to let the armoured cars go by, but his Bren gunners and riflemen dealt ruthlessly with the unroofed half-tracks. The first was stopped by a well tossed grenade. The driver of the second was killed by rifle fire, and his crew shot down as they scrambled out. The third's driver was wounded and, in trying to reverse, slewed into the fourth, which burst into flames partially blocking the bridge.

The fifth half-track tried to force its way round the block by crashing down the embankment, landing up under the window of the school, from which Mackay was directing fire. "It was about five feet away and I looked into its commander's face. I don't know who was more surprised" he wrote later in *Blackwoods*. "His reaction was quicker than mine; for with a big dirty grin he loosed off three shots with his Luger. The only shot that hit me smashed my binoculars, which were hanging round my neck."

The Sapper marksman quickly dispatched him and the rest of the crew. Another two half-tracks met a similar fate, finally blocking the bridge completely.

For the next 48 hours Mackay's Sappers inflicted brutal losses with their marksmanship on the German infantry trying to drive them out of the school. However, fire from tank guns gradually made more and more of the school untenable. Nevertheless morale remained high because the gunfire of the relief force could be heard coming closer, and care of the wounded was not, as yet, an acute problem. Mackay was convinced that he was winning the battle and could hold on until relieved.

The situation changed dramatically on the fourth day. The Germans managed to bring up two large Tiger tanks, which began to reduce the school to rubble; and they adopted the tactic of trying to force both 2 Para and Mackay's men out by burning the buildings around them. Neither felt they could sacrifice their wounded in the cellars by further resistance. Mackay ordered his second-in-command, who was among the wounded, to surrender while he and his last six unwounded men tried to break out, each carrying a Bren gun.

He was unlucky: he ran into a force of infantry with two tanks. After a sharp fire fight, Mackay dispersed his men and played dead himself, hoping to escape later, but a bayonet thrust into his thigh forced him to surrender. He made one vain attempt to escape by jumping off the tailboard of a German truck. He was more successful when he reached the prison camp at Emmerich on the Rhine. He escaped with three of his men and luckily found an unguarded rowing boat on the river, which had no rudder and only one oar. The current, however, was strong enough to carry them downstream to the Allied lines at Nijmegen, which they reached exactly a week after their initial parachute landing.

Mackay's feat was all the more remarkable in that he had a piece of shrapnel embedded in one foot, which he could not pull out and which was going septic. He also had a gash on his head and the wound in his thigh from the bayonet thrust. The battle had cost his troop seven dead and 33 wounded.

Eric MacLachlan Mackay was educated at Fettes College and enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1940. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in October 1941 and became one of the first parachute trained engineer officers. He served from 1941 to 1945 from subaltern to major in the 1st Parachute Squadron RE. He was a smallish, ebullient man with immense energy, drive and originality. Like most small men, he had to excel in everything that he undertook. Appropriately, he was nicknamed "the whippet" by the men of his troop.

As a young man he was a lover of high-speed sports. He drove at Le Mans and in the Alpine Rally in a Healey and did the Brighton "Speed Sprint" in a Cooper. He was also a qualified pilot, and a proficient skier, winning the Alpine Club's "Downhill Luge".

After the war he commanded the U-boat Immobilisation Force in Norway, and then played a full part as an engineer commander in operations in French Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies, Malaya, Suez and Cyprus. He went to the staff college, Camberley, in 1951 which led to a number of second-grade General and Engineer Staff appointments until he was promoted lieutenant-colonel in 1963.

That year he was appointed chief engineer of the Malaysian Armed Forces, just as the confrontation with Indonesia began. He carried through the tripling of the Malaysian Engineers, and, thanks to generous financial support by the Malaysian Government, he equipped them with the best engineer plant that money could buy for building roads, airstrips and helicopter pads in the Borneo jungles. Malaysian engineers in his day were known as "Mackay's Private Army".

Five years later he became chief engineer of HQ Strategic Command, directing overseas aid construction projects by Sappers in 20 countries. This was followed by Chief Engineer of HQ UK Land Forces in 1972, and finally of HQ BAOR in 1973 — giving him a record of becoming chief engineer in succession of four different armies.

After he retired from the Army in 1976, he was primarily engaged in large-scale construction projects in the Middle East and Singapore. He became a director of Cementation International in the Gulf, 1977-83; managing director of Forum and Wisma Developments of Singapore, 1983-85; and consultant to Alexander Proudfoot International, in 1988.

In 1945 he married a Swiss rally driver, Ruth Thérèse Roth. Their son was born handicapped and she died in 1985. He is survived by his second wife, Margaret (Hadders) Hadcock (née Shepherd), whom he married last year.

GEORGE IVAN SMITH

George Ivan Smith, former United Nations official, died in Gloucester on November 21 aged 80. He was born in Sydney, Australia, on July 11, 1915.

STARTING his professional life as a literary critic and feature writer, George Ivan Smith worked as a young man for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Later he joined the BBC Overseas Service in London as an adviser on, and producer of, documentary films on international affairs.

This provided the springboard for his subsequent career. He joined the United Nations secretariat in 1947 and, in 1949, was appointed director of the United Nations London Information Centre. Here his warm personality, enthusiasm, and diversity of interests got the centre involved at many levels of both government and non-governmental activity.

When Dag Hammarskjöld became Secretary-General of the United Nations in 1953, he used George Ivan Smith as his spokesman, first of all on missions in the field and later on at UN headquarters in New York. Hammarskjöld, who was a shy and very private man, evidently appreciated his spokesman's easy-going personality as much as his professional skill. They established a close working relationship.

In 1958 Ivan Smith became director of the external relations division of the UN Office of Public Information. In 1960 and 1961 he undertook several missions for the UN operation in the Congo (now Zaire) during one of which he was beaten up and nearly kidnapped by the gendarmes of Tshombe's secessionist regime in Katanga.

After Hammarskjöld's death in an air crash in Zambia in 1961, Ivan Smith became the regional representative of the UN development programme in East Africa, as well as special representative of the new Secretary-General, U Thant, in that region, living first in Dar es Salaam and then in Lusaka. He developed a passionate interest in African affairs and became friends with many leaders in the region.

After a stint as visiting professor at Princeton University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston from 1964 to 1968, Ivan Smith returned in 1968 to the London UN Information Centre where he completed his UN service.

Wherever they were, he and his wife Mary created a centre of interest and activity and a second home for many people. Their personalities were warm and outgoing, and Ivan Smith's intense interest in public affairs, and especially in the United Nations, lasted right until the end.

In retirement he was a tireless commentator on UN affairs and strong but realistic supporter of the world organisation. He wrote numerous articles and letters to the press as well as a book, *Ghosts of Kampala* (1980), about the rise and fall of Idi Amin. All his life Ivan Smith was at the same time an enthusiast, an idealist and a realist, undaunted by opposition or tribulation and keenly aware of the obstacles and prejudices to be overcome in international ventures.

George Ivan Smith is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters and a stepdaughter.

SERGEI GRINKOV

Sergei Grinkov, Russian skater, died from heart disease while rehearsing at Lake Placid, New York, on November 20 aged 28. He was born in Moscow on February 4, 1967.

Grinkov and Gordeyeva at Lillehammer, 1994

WITH their powerful, dramatic style and flawless precision of line, Sergei Grinkov and his wife Yekaterina Gordeyeva had already established themselves as one of the most memorable acts in modern pairs skating — that most spectacular and dangerous of ice disciplines. They had won their first Olympic gold medal as far back as 1988 when they enthralled audiences at Calgary, Alberta, with their breathtaking lifts and throws. More important, they also did enough through sheer artistry, to convince the judges that they were worthy of first place ahead of their fellow Soviet competitors Oleg Vasiliev and Yelena Valova.

At that time Gordeyeva was only 16 and at a petite 5st 9lb was only half the weight of her partner. By the time they won Olympic gold again at Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994, the pair had matured to give a display of pairs skating that was regarded by aficionados of the sport as being as near to stylistic perfection as such things can be.

The son of a Moscow policeman, Sergei Grinkov began his career on ice as a singles skater before, at the age of 15, being paired with Gordeyeva, who was at that time only 11. He is reported not to have been too keen on his diminutive partner at that stage, but he soon came to realise her worth.

In a sport which is not for the faint of heart they soon proved themselves to be masters in the great Russian tradition of pairs skaters, executing highly athletic throws and, on occasion, quadruple twists in a manner that made those who witnessed them breathless with suspense. Their "death spiral" — a manoeuvre whose title, if not its content, always seems to underscore the intrinsic perils of pairs skating — was a move of consummate elegance, which provided a passage of serenity and stillness amid the energetic fury of the rest of their routine.

Their triumph at Calgary had, however, taken a good deal out of them and at the world championships in Budapest they faltered. Gordeyeva was beginning to grow into adolescence and the physical balance between them required some tuning to take account of this (although she never became more than 5ft 1in to his 5ft 11in). In addition both suffered health and injury problems, Grinkov with a shoulder that eventually required surgery, she with floating bone chips in her foot.

However, they pressed on through these difficulties to win two more world championships before deciding that the pressures of competition had become unbearable. After winning the Goodwill Games in Seattle in 1990 they turned professional. By this time Grinkov had completely revised his initial impression of his partner and they were married in 1991. Gordeyeva was back on the ice within three weeks of the birth of their daughter Daria the following year.

For the 1994 season, however, they applied successfully to be reinstated as amateurs and at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics — by then, at 26 and 22 more mature than ever — they gave a display of unexampled harmoniousness. Skating to Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*, they created an ambience of ethereal beauty. And although they made four mistakes during the free skating routine, the judges had no hesitation about putting them well ahead of their compatriots Artur Dimitriyev and Natalya Mishkuteniok.

By now they were moving between Moscow and a second home in Connecticut, and from then on concentrated on professional tours, having amassed a tally of two Olympic, four world and two European titles between them. They were rehearsing for their routine in the *Stars on Ice* programme at the Lake Placid Olympic arena, when Grinkov collapsed and died while attempting to lift his wife. An autopsy revealed that he had, astonishingly, been suffering from severe heart disease in tandem with high blood pressure, and that one of his coronary arteries was almost completely blocked.

He is survived by his wife and their daughter.

THE MOST REV JOHN MURPHY

The Most Rev John Murphy, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, 1961-76, died on November 18 aged 89. He was born on December 21, 1905.

WHEN Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962, only six of those summoned to attend had been bishops since the early 1940s. Murphy, belonging very much to the old school of Roman Catholic prelates, was one of them.

The purpose of Vatican II was to reconsider the position of the Church in the modern world and Murphy accepted its progressive policies with the obedience required of him. But he did so with a heavy heart — railing against those who sought to democratise the Church, "giving it rule by divine right of 51 per cent". "The authority of the Church does not come from the vote of the people, not even the people of God," he declared.

Murphy's thinking remained at root conservative. He first came to national attention in the late 1950s when he declared the growing popularity of television to be detrimental to family values. Parents, he complained, had been put in "a back seat in the stalls" while their children remained glued to the screen.

In 1960 he entered into protracted correspondence with the Bishop of Chester in the letters columns of *The Times* when he criticised the Roman Catholic Mayor of Chester for attending a service at an Anglican cathedral. In 1968 he hailed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which reaffirmed the church's long-standing ban on contraception, as a "Magna Carta for the family". Yet despite his adherence to old values Murphy shunned categorical polarisations between "conservatives" and "progressives". "Every time you open your mouth," he used to say "someone sticks a label on your tongue." Rather did he see himself as the spokesman of the ordinary people, giving voice to the anxieties of those who found themselves, in the aftermath of Vatican II, overwhelmed by changes in the Church. He was speaking for the common man, he often said, not arguing for theology.

Although there were many who had hoped for more liberal leadership of the Welsh Church, Murphy's humorous outlook often soothed discord. On the occasion of his eightieth birthday, when a fond parishioner impressed a kiss on his cheek, he dryly observed that the venerable tradition of kissing a bishop's ring seemed to have been supplanted by that of kissing the bishop himself.

John Aloysius Murphy was born in Birkenhead into a devout Catholic family, as his baptismal name might suggest. He was educated as St Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, before going on, at the age of just 15, to train for the Catholic priesthood at the English College in Lisbon. He was ordained in 1931.

On returning to England he was appointed to a curacy at the church of Our Lady in Latchford, Warrington, where he remained for 13 years before moving on as parish priest to Creasby in the Wirral.

It was at the unusually young age of 43 that he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury in 1948 and a year later made Bishop of Shrewsbury.

In 1961 he was appointed Archbishop of Cardiff and almost immediately afterwards was called to Rome to take part in the Second Vatican Council. Though some of the changes instigated by this council were humbly accepted rather than welcomed, there were others that he wholeheartedly embraced. Murphy fully participated in ecumenical aims when he became the first chairman of the worldwide Roman Catholic and Methodist discussions.

There were only two Catholic secondary schools in the whole of South Wales when Murphy was made archbishop. He tackled the problem in his usual inimitable way, and in the face of fierce political opposition opted for a secondary school system of comprehensive education. Murphy earned the sobriquet of "The Builder" as he oversaw massive development campaigns which, by the end of the 1960s, had resulted in 14 purpose-built comprehensive schools. Between 1960 and 1980 he oversaw the building of 39 new churches, 14 new secondary schools, and 33 new primary schools.

Murphy postponed his retirement (normally tendered by a bishop at the age of 75) for a year because of Pope John Paul II's visit to Britain. It was he who greeted the Pope as he first set foot on Welsh soil.

In 1883 Murphy retired to St Joseph's Convent in Malpas, Gwent, where he continued to write, as well as pursuing his hobbies of fly fishing and golf.

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Mr. Asquith's answer was considered so unsatisfactory that it was decided that active hostilities should be undertaken, and a column of militant suffragists over a hundred strong left Caxton Hall for the Prime Minister's residence in Downing-street. As the House had risen before the column started the law which forbids a procession from approaching within one mile of the precincts of the House of Common while the House is sitting was in abeyance, and the suffragists proceeded through Parliament-square into Whitehall without interference from the police. As they were nearing the entrance to Downing-street a squad of about 15 constables made their way from Scotland Yard to the entrance of Downing-street, which they reached a few seconds before the head of the suffragist column swung round the corner from Whitehall.

There was at once a seething mass of spectators and struggling police and suffragists. Reinforcements of police quickly arrived, and the process of clearing the street began. The fight was short, sharp, and decisive, and lasted only ten minutes, although there was such a wealth of incident that the struggle seemed to be of much longer duration. The women fought much more viciously than on Friday, and their increased fierceness may be accounted for by the fact that some of them have vowed to go to prison for their cause, and are prepared to commit increasingly serious breaches of the law to achieve this object. The rioters yesterday appeared to have lost all control of themselves. Some shrieked, some laughed hysterically, and all fought with a dogged but aimless pertinacity. Some of the rioters appeared to be quite young girls, who must have been the victims of hysterical rather than deep conviction. A woman dressed in the uniform of a hospital nurse threw a missile through a window of the Colonial Office. Some of the suffragists carried banners, which were quickly torn down by the police, but if the bearer managed to retain the bamboo handle she used it to belabour the nearest constable. The women behaved like demented creatures, and it was evident that their conduct completely alienated the sympathy of the crowd. The police behaved with self-control and good humour under the greatest provocation. It may be mentioned that as a result of Friday's fight six policemen had to go on the sick list with bites and scratches.

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NEWS

Rosemary West jailed for life

■ Rosemary West entered criminal history as Britain's most prolific female serial killer as she was jailed for the rest of her life yesterday for the murder of ten young women and girls.

Mr Justice Mantell said: "Rosemary Pauline West, on each of the ten counts of murder of which you have been unanimously convicted by the jury, the sentence is one of life imprisonment. If attention is paid to what I think, you will never be released. Take her down." .... Pages 1, 2-5, 19, 20, 21, 47

Nine young women still missing

■ Detectives still want to trace nine young women known to have "gone through the door of Cromwell Street", where the West couple lived, who have not yet been accounted for. The question of the missing women arose after the police fed details into Scotland Yard's missing persons computer.

Major slides again

Approval of John Major's performance as Prime Minister has fallen back to the level it was at before he was re-elected Tory leader, in July.................... Page 1

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Tony Blair, furious about the leak of a Shadow Cabinet discussion, has ordered his front bench to pull behind Gordon Brown, who has the leader's "101 per cent support"........................... Page 1

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Families living in a woodland chalet village were preparing to face bailiffs armed with pneumatic drills and bolt cutters at dawn .... Page 7

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The wife of a Tory MP turned the family home upside down and drenched bedclothes in bleach after she suspected him of having slept there with a man, a High Court jury was told........... Page 9

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A general strike tomorrow will plunge France into a fresh travel nightmare as millions of public sector employees protest against government plans to overhaul the welfare system .... Page 14

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Chris Patten has announced that he will veto any attempt by China to establish a parallel government in Hong Kong before the 1997 handover .... Page 13

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■ The female fashion for slimness is at least 400 years old and cannot be blamed on the preferences of men, modern designers or magazine editors, Britain's leading expert on obesity said. Professor John Garrow said a review of painting over the centuries showed that artists had chosen slightly built women as their models as often as amply endowed ones............ Page 10

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The Rev John Ganjavi, who raised £21,000 in a day for repairs to the roof of his church, St John's at Henley-in-Arden. Page 10

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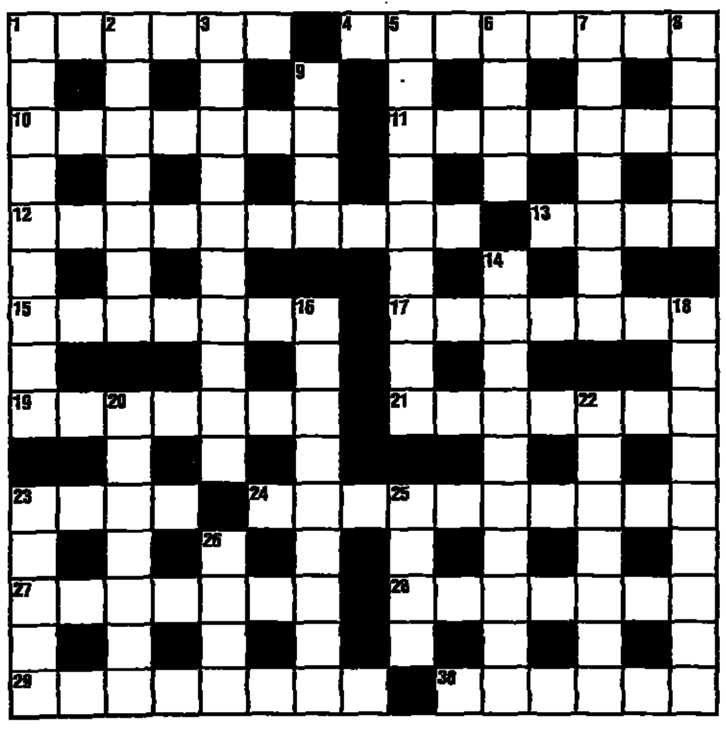

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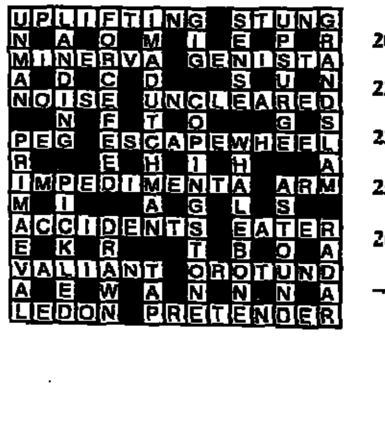

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Hebrides, 0.45in; highest sunshine: Exmouth, Devon, 6.2hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** northern and western parts of England and Wales will have a rather dull day with patchy light rain or drizzle, especially near the coast. Other regions should be dry although on the cloudy side. Sheltered eastern parts may see brief sunny intervals.

The north of Scotland will have a wet day with heavy rain and very blustery winds for a time. Most other parts of Scotland along with Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain or drizzle at times, though eastern Scotland may have some brightness.

It will be a very mild day everywhere, with a fresh and gusty southwesterly wind in most places.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England, Borders:** mainly dry. Often cloudy. Wind south-west, fresh, sometimes gusty. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** cloudy. Light rain or drizzle, mainly near coast. Wind southwest, fresh occasionally strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** some brightness, showery rain later. Wind southwest, fresh or strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy. Rain at times. Wind southwest, fresh or strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** rain, some heavy. Wind southwest, strong, easing. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rain, perhaps some brightness in north. Wind mainly northwest moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook for Friday and Saturday:** unsettled and breezy but staying mild in most parts.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.1	-	10	50	b	London	0.2	-	13	55	c
Anglesey	4.1	0.02	11	52	b	Lowestoft	0.5	0.03	11	52	fg
Aspatria	1.0	0.09	9	48	b	Manchester	0.4	0.04	11	52	c
Aviemore	3.2	0.04	8	46	sh	Margate	0.6	0.12	11	52	b
Belfast	-	-	9	48	c	Minehead	1.6	0.02	13	55	b
Birmingham	1.3	-	11	52	c	Morecambe	2.1	0.11	10	50	b
Bognor R	0.6	0.01	11	52	c	Newcastle	1.5	0.01	11	52	r
Bournem'th	4.1	-	14	57	s	Newquay	4.1	0.06	X	X	b
Bristol	2.8	0.01	14	57	b	Norwich	0.2	0.01	11	52	c
Buxton	-	0.06	9	48	d	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	3.8	0.01	12	54	b	Oxford	1.3	-	13	55	fg
Clacton	1.4	0.09	9	48	c	Penzance	4.6	0.02	14	57	s
Cromer	1.0	0.06	11	52	c	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	X					Poole	3.0	0.06	14	57	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.09	11	52	b
Eastbourne	1.8	-	13	55	c	Ross-o-wye	3.4	-	12	54	c
Edinburgh	3.1	-	9	48	b	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.24	8	46	sh	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	6.2	0.02	13	55	s	Sandown	2.9	0.02	12	54	b
Falmouth	5.0	0.02	14	57	b	Saunton Snd	3.1	0.08	13	55	s
Fishguard	4.3	0.02	11	52	b	Scarboro'	3.6	-	11	52	s
Folkestone	0.4	-	12	54	c	Shanklin	3.2	0.02	13	55	s
Glasgow	2.8	0.06	10	50	sh	Shrewsbury	1.0	-	11	52	c
Guernsey	4.1	0.10	15	59	s	Skegness	X				
Hastings	0.2	-	14	57	c	Southend	X				
Hayling I	1.5	-	12	54	c	Southport	1.9	0.01	11	52	b
Herne Bay	0.4	-	12	54	b	Southsea	1.0	-	12	54	fg
Hove	0.1	0.02	12	54	du	St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	-	0.05	11	52	du	Stornoway	2.7	0.45	8	46	h
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	3.8	0.01	14	57	s
Isle of Man	1.4	-	11	52	b	Teignmouth	4.5	-	14	57	b
Jersey	5.8	0.13	14	57	s	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	X					Tiree	0.1	0.07	10	50	sh
Leeds	0.6	-	11	52	c	Torquay	4.4	-	14	57	b
Lerwick	1.0	0.12	9	48	r	Tynemouth	1.9	-	11	52	c
Leuchars	4.2	-	10	50	b	Ventnor	5.7	0.01	13	55	s
Littlehmptn	1.2	0.01	12	54	c	West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	X					Weymouth	4.4	0.04	13	55	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	12	54	r	Cologne	5	41	c	Majorca	18	64	f	Rome	12	54	s
Akrotiri	14	57	r	Corfu	11	52	s	Malaga	20	68	s	S Fr'sco	16	61	c
Alex'dria	16	61	r	C'phagn	3	37	s	Malta	15	59	s	S Paulo	22	72	f
Algiers	21	70	c	Dublin	8	46	f	Melb'rne	16	61	c	Salzburg	3	37	s
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Dubrovnik	8	46	s	Mexico C	13	55	f	Santiago	26	79	s
Athens	7	45	c	Faro	19	66	s	Miami	25	77	f	Seoul	7	45	r
B Aires	27	81	s	Florence	8	46	s	Milan	6	43	s	Sing'por	27	81	r
Bahrain	26	79	s	Frankfurt	1	34	c	Montreal	3	37	X	St'kholm	0	32	s
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	21	70	c	Moscow	-7	19	s	Strasb'rg	6	43	s
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	5	41	c	Munich	5	41	s	Sydney	17	63	d
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	19	66	s	N Delhi	25	77	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	3	37	c	N York	8	46	c	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Belfast	8	46	f	Hong K	23	73	s	Nairobi	23	73	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Belgrade	2	36	s	Innsbrck	1	34	s	Naples	12	54	s	Tokyo	11	52	c
Berlin	-1	30	s	Istanbul	5	41	r	Nice	11	52	c	Toronto	3	37	f
Bermuda	21	70	f	Jeddah	32	90	s	Oslo	4	39	c	Tunis	18	64	f
Biarritz	13	55	r	Jo'burg	18	64	f	Paris	10	50	c	Valencia	20	68	f
Borde'x	13	55	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Peking	5	41	s	Vanc'ver	7	45	f
Brussels	9	48	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Perth	28	82	s	Venice	5	41	s
Budapst	1	34	s	Le Toquet	11	52	f	Prague	-3	27	s	Vienna	1	34	s
Cairo	20	68	s	Lisbon	17	63	f	Reykjavik	2	36	c	Warsaw	-4	25	c
Cape Tn	23	73	f	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rhodes	12	54	f	Wash'ton	14	57	f
Ch'church	13	55	X	Luxor	23	73	s	Rio de J	24	75	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Chicago	0	32	c	Madrid	14	57	f	Riyadh	28	82	s	Zurich	0	32	c

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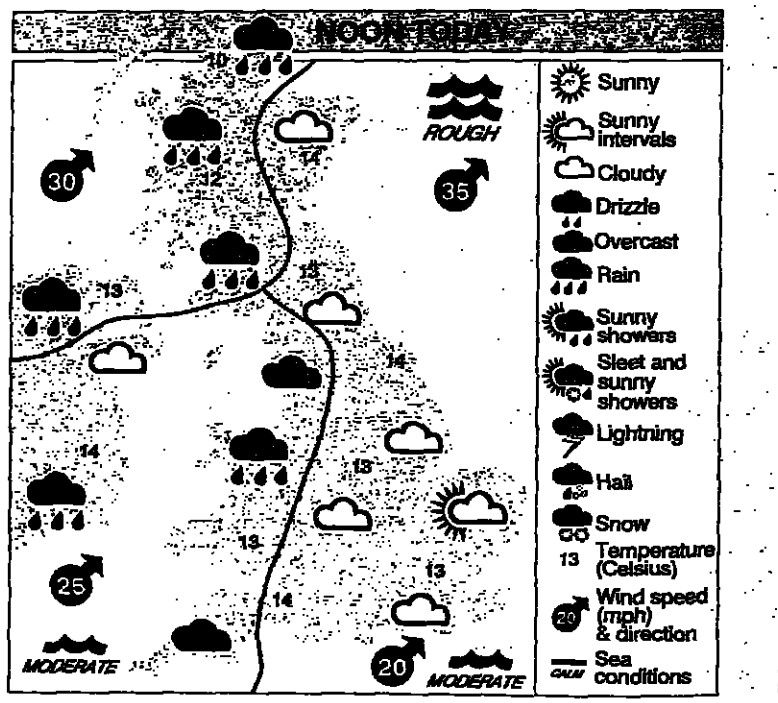

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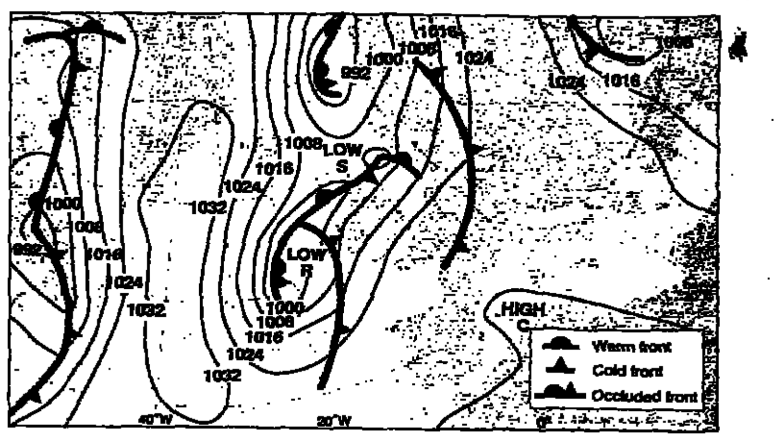

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London Bridge	1·40	7.34	1·57	7.45	Leith	2·23	5.95	2·46	5.92
Aberdeen	1·08	4.56	1·32	4.56	Liverpool	11·14	9.96	11·36	10.01
Avonmouth	7·10	13.87	7·34	13.92	Lowestoft	9·24	2.71	9·49	2.67
Belfast	10·57	3.53	11·21	3.59	Margate	-	-	0·11	4.98
Cardiff	7·10	12.13	7·29	12.10	Milford Haven	6·08	7.42	6·31	7.41
Devonport	5·48	5.65	6·12	5.60	Newquay	5·00	7.01	5·21	7.10
Dover	10·49	6.98	11·14	6.96	Oban	5·40	4.15	5·54	4.20
Dublin	11·31	4.34	-	-	Penzance	4·38	5.89	4·58	5.84
Falmouth	4·58	5.25	5·21	5.31	Portland	6·49	2.32	7·11	2.18
Glasgow	10·13	3.77	1·13	4.60	Portsmouth	11·23	4.94	11·47	4.91
Harwich	11·56	4.21	-	-	Shoreham	11·13	6.59	11·39	6.55
Holyhead	10·14	5.96	10·39	5.92	Southampton	10·45	4.88	11·08	4.75
Hull	6·11	7.72	6·35	7.73	Swansea	6·15	9.84	6·38	9.85
Ilfracombe	5·53	9.86	6·15	9.82	Tees	3·30	5.63	3·52	5.69
King's Lynn	6·10	7.04	6·32	7.13	W'lton-on-Nze	11·47	4.54	-	-

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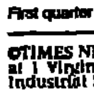

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Sir Rocco to fight as Granada pledges to sell off interests

Forte rejects £3.4bn takeover bid

By Eric Reguly

FORTE, Britain's largest hotels group, yesterday rejected an unsolicited £3.4 billion takeover offer from Granada, the television and leisure company.

The bid, if successful, will trigger the biggest restructuring of the international hotel industry in recent years.

Sir Rocco Forte, 50, Forte's chairman, has vowed to ensure that the hotels and catering empire, which was founded by his father, Charles, does not pass from family management without a fight. He said: "This bid quite clearly undervalues the company. We're in a turnaround situation and I've got a very dynamic young team running this business."

In what must be a chilling prospect for the Forte family, which owns about 8 per cent of the company, Granada said it would sell the group's 70 per cent interest in the prestige Savoy group and consider offers for "trophy" hotels such as Grosvenor House in London, the George V in Paris and The Ritz in Madrid.

Granada is offering Forte shareholders four shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte shares. Granada shares fell 48p to 649p; at that price, the offer values each Forte share at about 328p. Alternatively, shareholders can accept a full cash offer of 321.7p per share. The takeover would push Granada's gearing from 59 per cent to 130 per cent by the end of September 1996, assuming the company is able to sell about £500 million of Forte assets.

The offer sent Forte shares soaring by 72½p to 347½p, or 26p above Granada's cash offer. Investors are betting that a counterbid will emerge or that Granada will have to raise its offer.

Institutional shareholders, most notably Mercury Asset Management, which owns 13 per cent of Forte, hold the key to takeover battle. MAM was instrumental in ensuring the success last year of Granada's £760 million bid for LWT. The Council of Forte, a relic of merger with Trust Houses in 1970, can technically use its golden shares to block a takeover.

Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, said Forte is a natural fit for Granada even though Granada is best known for the production of ITV programmes such as *Coronation Street* and *Blind Date*, and, to a lesser extent, television and computer rentals.

Forte, he said, would meld well with Granada's leisure and services division, which accounts for about one third of operating profits. It includes motorway services, catering, nightclubs and theme parks.

Granada would not leave Forte, which has 97,000 rooms in eight chains, plus a substantial restaurant and catering business, intact. In addition to the sale of hotels, Granada would dispose of Forte's 21 motorway service sites, the Lillywhites sports shop in London, and the stake in Alpha Airports Group.

Sir Rocco said he did not consider Forte a natural fit for Granada. "This is a media company that wants to go into the international hotel business, and they accuse us of losing our focus."

Granada's bid came as it reported a record pre-tax profit of £351.3 million in the year to September 30, up 32 per cent from the previous year, on turnover of £2.38 billion, up 14 per cent. Earning per share were 39.1p against 22p. A final dividend of 7.9p will be paid on April 1, making the total 11.75p, up 17.5 per cent.

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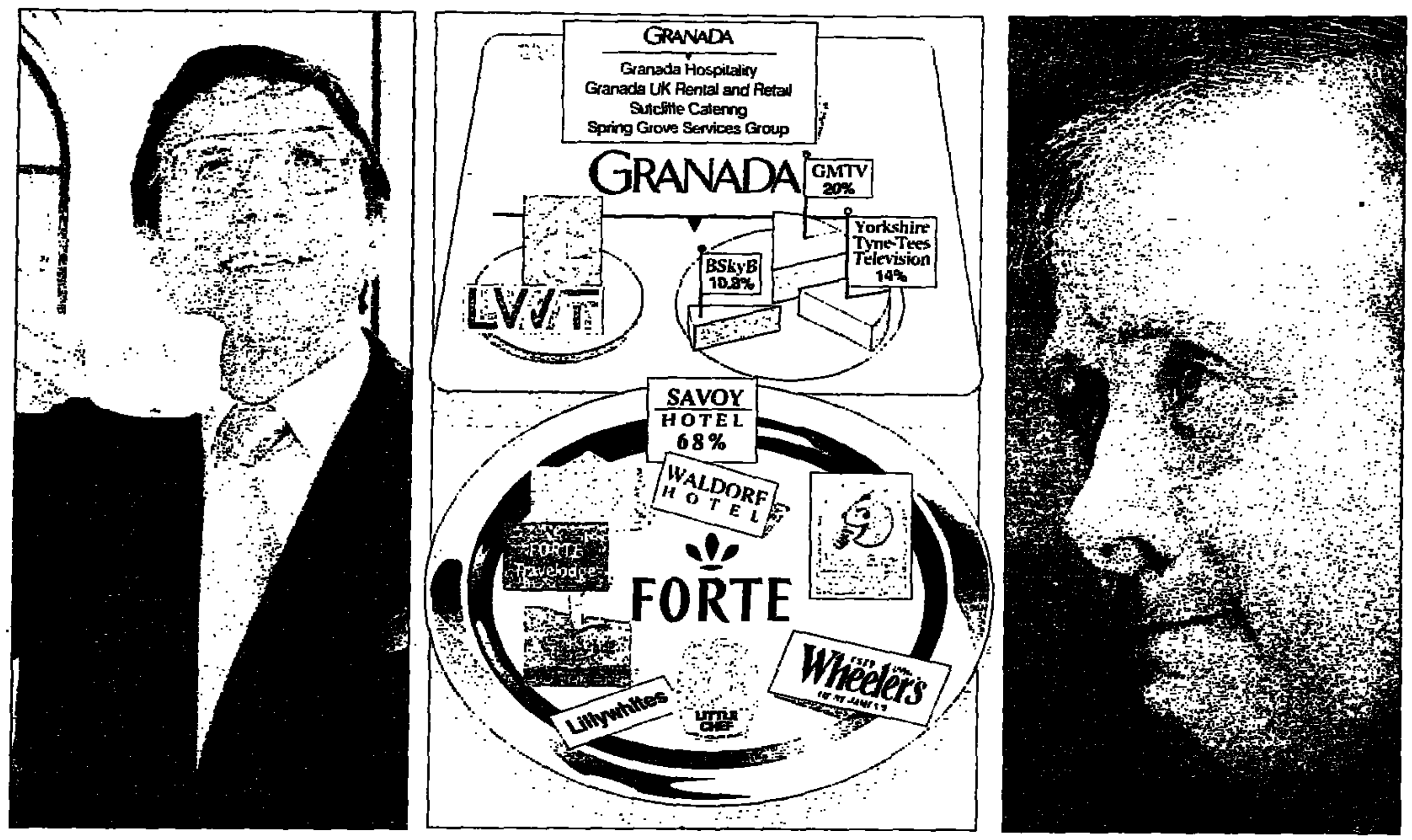

Sir Rocco Forte, left, will be under pressure from Gerry Robinson, of Granada, in the battle for some of Britain's best known brand names

Boardroom bruisers square up for battle

By Jon Ashworth

ONE can only imagine the look on Sir Rocco Forte's face yesterday when he found he had been thrown into the ring with Gerry Robinson. Tough, single-minded, and ruthless in his pursuit of growth, Robinson makes that most dangerous of adversaries: a hatchet man with a disarming smile. Even Sir Rocco, 50, no stranger to boardroom battles, must wonder if he has at last met his match.

Robinson, 47, branded an "upstart ignorant caterer" by John Cleese, moved quickly to stamp his authority on an ailing Granada after joining as chief executive in 1991. Within a year, he had sacked nearly all the senior managers, and was fine-tuning an aggressive expansion policy. London Weekend Television was an early victim, succumbing to a £600 million swoop in early 1994. A subsequent attempt to buy Accor, the French hotel and catering group, proved less successful.

Born in Donegal, in the Irish Republic, the ninth of ten children, Robinson moved to England with his family at the age of ten. He worked in a Matchbox toy factory in east London, and later joined Lex Service Group, rising to divisional finance director.

He switched to Grand Metropolitan in 1980, and soon earned a reputation as a troubleshooter for his knack at turning round problem companies. In 1987, he led a management buyout of GrandMet's catering division, subsequently renamed Compass, and made £20 million when it came to the stock market. He was paid £482,000 in the last financial year.

Sir Rocco, for his part, can hardly be branded a pushover. Knighted a year ago for services to tourism, he was blooded during the long-running tussle for control of the Savoy group, and has presided over sweeping changes at Forte since succeeding his father as chairman in 1992. He spent the previous ten years as chief executive. Urbane and soft spoken, Sir Rocco runs in marathons, and has a personal fortune of more than £80 million. He received £459,298 in salary and bonuses in the year to January 31, and draws more than £1 million a year in dividends from his Forte stake. Ever the aspirant country gentleman, his love of shooting is well documented. To find himself staring down the barrel of someone else's gun will have come as a nasty surprise.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3632.4	(+28.3)
Yield	3.94%	
FT-SE A All share	1776.6	(+10.67)
Nikkei	18239.84	(–144.48)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5038.00	(+14.45)*
S&P Composite	598.91	(–1.33)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{7}{8}$%*	($5\frac{9}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$107\frac{13}{16}$*	($108\frac{1}{32}$)
Yield	6.29%*	(6.27%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{21}{32}$%	($6\frac{21}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$108\frac{27}{32}$	($108\frac{6}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5645*	(1.5570)
London:		
$	1.5629	(1.5585)
DM	2.1982	(2.1958)
FFr	7.5850	(7.5830)
SFr	1.7737	(1.7744)
Yen	157.25	(158.24)
£ Index	82.8	(82.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4073*	(1.4080)
FFr	4.8500*	(4.8575)
SFr	1.1343*	(1.1373)
Yen	100.55*	(101.50)
$ Index	92.8	(92.8)

Tokyo close Yen 101.45

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb)	$16.60	($16.50)

GOLD

London close	$384.95	($386.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Reed sells

Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, stands to make a £385 million exceptional gain after announcing the £740 million sale of four of the five businesses it had earmarked for disposal in July. **Page 26, Tempus 28**

For the record

Shares on both sides of the Atlantic continued their record-breaking run. In London, takeover speculation helped the FT-SE 100 index add another 28.3 points to close at 3,632.4, giving a gain so far this year of 567 points, or 18.5 per cent. **Page 28**

A few twists left in the Savoy saga

Lord Forte: founder of empire

By Jon Ashworth

THE long-running saga of the Savoy group of hotels has had more twists and turns than a Dick Francis thriller. Just when the dust appeared to have settled, an untimely windstorm has stirred it all up again. For once, the morose attendants who skulk in the Savoy's restrooms have every reason to look miserable.

If Granada wins control of Forte, one of the first casualties will be the troublesome stake in the Savoy group — won at great cost 14 years ago. Forte paid £58 million for 68 per cent of the shares, but succeeded only in winning 42 per cent of a second class of voting shares, setting the scene for a bitter struggle with family trusts associated with the late Sir Hugh Wontner. Peace broke out just over a year ago, when Sir Rocco Forte won a place on a new chairman's committee. Giles Shepard, his main adversary in the long-running battle, resigned as managing director and was replaced by Ramon Pájares, from the Four Seasons.

The Savoy old guard were soon muttering about tumbling standards — why, even the ban on mobile phones was lifted. Heretics plundered the wine cellar, and sold stock worth more than £1 million. Rival reservations systems were linked up. Was the Savoy Grill — revered as the City's "Canteen" — destined to become just another Happy Eater? The bid will have the loyalists jumping for joy. Here is a chance to stem the rot spreading through a uniquely English portfolio, which includes Claridge's and the Connaught, the Lygon Arms in Broadway, and the Savoy itself. There was no shortage of sympathisers at the height of the struggle with Forte, and the hope is that a "rich friend" will snap up the stake, preserving the Savoy's grandeur once and for all.

The Savoy management was keeping a respectful silence yesterday. It would say only that any future deal would have to be in the best interests of shareholders. The plot has a few twists left.

Leeson flies to Singapore trial

By Robert Miller

NICK LEESON was last night on his way back to Singapore, where he faces 11 charges of forgery and cheating in relation to the £860 million collapse of Barings.

The 28-year-old trader, whose dealings on Far East money markets are blamed for the merchant bank's crash, was put on an aeroplane believed to be from Singapore Airlines for the 12-hour flight last night. He was handed over by German police to Singapore officials at Frankfurt airport, where he was arrested on March 2. Earlier yesterday, Mr Leeson received an hour-long visit from Lisa, his wife.

Mr Leeson was accompanied by Stephen Pollard, his solicitor, of Kingsley Napley, and John Koh, who will head his legal team at his trial in Singapore, due to start before Christmas.

Mr Koh is a former director of Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department (CAD), which is still investigating the Barings crash, and he will be with Mr Leeson when he goes before magistrates in Singapore, soon after his arrival, to be charged formally. Mr Leeson will be interviewed by CAD officials, to whom he has promised full co-operation.

The Singapore report into the Barings collapse, published last month, was scathing about the "institutional incompetence" of the bank's senior management and the "total failure of internal controls". Those most criticised were James Bax, Mr Leeson's immediate superior, who is in Singapore, where he has surrendered his passport, and Peter Norris, group chief executive officer, who is in the UK. The CAD has said that its investigation includes "any possible criminal acts by persons in Singapore".

Mr Leeson's strategy is expected to involve pleading guilty to some charges and making a plea of mitigation. He has returned voluntarily and apologised for doubting that he would receive a fair trial. On that basis, he might receive a sentence of about five years and serve about two.

Guinness judgment next week

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

LORD Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, will give judgment on the appeals by the "Guinness Four" on Monday.

Last month, he presided over an eight-day hearing of appeals by Ernest Saunders, former Guinness chairman; Gerald Ronson, the Heron property magnate; Anthony Parnes, a former broker; and Jack Lyons, a financier. All are attempting to overturn convictions that arose from their roles in Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover battle for Distillers in 1987.

The appeals were based on two key allegations, the non-disclosure of information and "abuse of process". Anthony Scrivener, QC, representing Jack Lyons, had alleged the police investigation into the Guinness affair was held back to allow the DTI investigation to proceed "as a result of collusion between DTI and DPP officers and inspectors".

Power chief set to earn £1m

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE row over top pay reached a new pitch yesterday when it emerged that Roger Urwin, the former chief executive of London Electricity, is on course to earn more than £1 million from pay, perks and share options this year.

Mr Urwin, who left the electricity supply company last month, is to be transmission chief at National Grid Group, which published its flotation prospectus yesterday.

He has already realised profits of £284,249 on some of his London share options, and held others showing a paper profit of £644,744 when he left last month. He earned about £90,000 in salary. Mr Urwin will earn £170,000 a year at the Grid, which delivers electricity to the regional suppliers.

Several other Grid directors can expect an options and dividends bonanza after grey market trading in the shares closed at 228p. David Jefferies, the £320,000-a-year chairman, has already exercised 153,451 share options this year. He holds options over a further 75,514 shares, worth £172,171 at yesterday's grey-market price. He is to receive £230,000 in special dividends.

Eric Chefneux, £154,000-a-year engineering director, holds 46,431 options, and is in line to receive £50,000 in special dividends. Colin Gibson, paid £187,000 last year, receives £24,000 in dividends.

John Uttley, finance director who earned £196,000 last year, has said he will give £66,000 of his £75,000 of special dividends to charity. David Jones, chief executive, who earned £237,000, holds 65,100 options but misses dividend payments.

The 21 million electricity consumers in England and Wales will receive a £50 rebate under the float arrangements, which value the Grid, owned by the 12 regional electricity companies, at £3.86 billion.

John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister, said: "This is yet another example of the privatised utilities rewarding directors and shareholders but leaving customers at the bottom of the heap."

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Cadbury successor holds fire

By Robert Bruce

THE successor body to the Cadbury committee on corporate governance is likely to bide its time before taking any action. Sir Ronald Hampel, the ICI chairman, who was yesterday named chairman of the new Committee on Corporate Governance, made clear that his role is one of waiting to assess long-term effects of Cadbury, which issued a code of conduct for listed companies.

"Neither the Cadbury code nor the Greenbury committee recommendations on executive remuneration have been in existence for long enough to reach a judgment," Sir Ronald said. Annual reports would not reflect Greenbury recommendations till next year, he said.

Sir Ronald was enthusiastic about the Cadbury code. He said: "Business must give proper regard to its responsibilities, and to disclosure, but, equally, we must have structures and codes which allow businesses of all sizes to flourish and grow — not ones which inhibit."

The new 12-strong committee has, by policy, no member from the original Cadbury committee. New members include Sir David Simon, chairman of BP.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.05
Austria Sch	16.47	14.97
Belgium Fr	46.15	43.85
Canada $	2.216	2.056
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.740	0.685
Denmark Kr ...	9.12	8.32
Finland Mkk ...	7.13	6.48
France Fr	7.99	7.34
Germany Dm .	2.35	2.14
Greece Dr	378.86	353.86
Hong Kong $	12.69	11.69
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1700	4.5200
Italy Lira	2584.00	2429.00
Japan Yen	172.77	156.77
Malta	0.588	0.533
Netherlds Gld	2.613	2.383
New Zealand $	2.53	2.31
Norway Kr	10.29	9.49
Portugal Esc ..	241.00	222.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.35
Spain Pta	195.50	182.50
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.00
Switzerland Fr	1.91	1.73
Turkey Lira	refer	78894.0
USA $	1.656	1.526

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Disposals by Reed Elsevier raise £740m

By Alasdair Murray

REED ELSEVIER, the publishing group, has announced the £740 million sale of five out of the six businesses it had earmarked for disposal in July.

The company stands to make an exceptional gain of £385 million, which it said yesterday would be used to fuel expansion in Reed's core areas of scientific, professional and consumer publishing, and cover expected losses from its consumer-book division.

The company added that negotiations for this sale were at an advanced stage. The share price of Reed International, UK-quoted parent of Reed Elsevier, rose 2p to 1000p by the close.

The businesses sold include the leading Dutch newspaper group Nederlandse Dagbladunie for £346 million and Reed Regional Newspapers, based in the UK, for £205 million. The company also disposed of three smaller groups for a total of £189 million: the Dutch regional newspaper Brabants Nieuwsblad, six Dutch magazine titles, and the consumer titles of Cahners Publishing in America.

Reed Regional Newspapers, which owns 129 titles with a total readership of 7.5 million, was bought by a management team backed by the American investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. Last year, Reed Regional made an £18 million operating profit on a turnover of £131 million.

It was KKR's first European purchase, although it has completed 44 transactions worth $75 billion in America. Earlier this year, KKR set up a European Investment arm, Glenisla Group, headed by Ian Martin, chairman of Unigate and former deputy chairman of Grand Metropolitan.

Mr Martin will join the holding board of Reed Regional Newspapers, although Scott Stuart, a general partner of KKR, said Mr Martin's principal task would remain seeking out future investment opportunities in Europe; he would not be involved in the company's day-to-day management. Mr Stuart added that KKR was keen to add to its European portfolio.

KKR has pledged backing to allow Reed Regional to expand. Jim Brown, present chief executive of Reed Regional who will become chairman and chief executive of the new company, said: "KKR's know-how in deal-making will help us launch a substantial but sensible expansion plan, not just in newspapers but in electronic media as well."

Reed Elsevier said its second-half trading remained in line with expectations, although there would be some dilutive effect on earnings growth from the disposals until further acquisitions were made. Takeover speculation centred last night on electronic media companies in North America to compliment the company's existing on-line service Lexis-Nexis.

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Alex Trotman said strikes would threaten output and jobs

Threat of strikes at carmakers withdrawn

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Editor

UNION leaders last night stepped back from threats of damaging industrial action at two of Britain's biggest car companies as the head of Ford warned that strikes would threaten jobs and future investment.

An immediate ballot for industrial action among 22,000 workers at Ford has been put off even though negotiators threw out a two-year pay offer worth 9.25 per cent, while an overtime ban scheduled to start next week at Vauxhall also looks likely to be suspended until fresh talks are held.

The decisions, after a day of talks at the headquarters of the Transport and General Workers' Union in London, came as a surprise after unions had taken a hard line in both sets of negotiations.

But their militancy could have been tempered by a personal message from Alex Trotman, the British-born head of Ford, who warned union leaders not to return to the actions of 20 years ago when strikes cost productivity, profits and ultimately jobs. He said workers in Dagenham, Essex, and Southampton who walked out on unofficial strike last week had sent out "a bad signal to those of us who take pride in our British workers' efforts".

Call for 'plain language' tax laws

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

MUCH of Britain's tax legislation is impenetrable and incomprehensible and should be rewritten in its entirety, according to the influential Tax Law Review Committee, chaired by Lord Howe of Aberavon.

Graham Aaronson, QC, chairman of the committee and of the Revenue Bar Association, said: "The style is like a puzzle — and one which does not even have a picture on the box. This is quite intolerable."

The committee said that this obfuscation meant that taxpayers spent billions of pounds on tax compliance, money that could be used more productively. Among the committee's proposals is the setting up of a project to pilot a full rewrite of income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax legislation.

The committee acknowledged that the short-term costs would be substantial, but said that the long-term benefits were clearly sufficient to offset those.

Mr Aaronson said: "We have no doubt that tax legislation can be written in an accessible style, that it can be no less accurate than the current drafting style, and that there would be very substantial benefits for taxpayers, practitioners and Government if it were."

The committee advocates plain language that explains rather than mystifies, that is user friendly, and that cuts down on jargon and uses shorter sentences.

It attached to its report two examples of legislation it has already redrafted to show that clear and understandable language is possible without losing the precision needed for the courts to interpret legislation.

Another proposal, which the committee is now inviting public comment on, pending a final report next year, is that in future finance Bills should be supplemented by explanatory memoranda containing information to assist understanding and interpretation of its provisions.

This, the committee said, would inform parliamentary debate and would be available to the courts to help them to interpret legislation.

The committee, which publishes reports periodically, was set up by The Institute for Fiscal Studies in autumn last year. It has cross-party support and is independent from the Government.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brussels threat to financial cold-calling

A EUROPEAN Union-wide ban on telephone cold-calling could hit sales of unit trusts, insurance and personal loans as well as the fledgling financial services sector on the Internet. The Finance & Leasing Association (FLA) said yesterday that it planned to lobby the European Parliament after its committee on the Environment Public Health and Consumer Protection approved a draft distance selling directive.

Martin Hall, director-general of the FLA, said: "This directive purports to protect people buying books, turkeys and binoculars by telephone. It is nonsense just to tack on financial services and hope the same rules can apply. We hope that common sense will prevail when the whole European Parliament considers this next month." Mr Hall said that if the cold-call amendment on financial services is allowed to stand, it would hit telesales and telemarketing and could lead to thousands of job losses. He added that UK investors were already protected by strict rules on the cold-calling of financial products. The FLA said that if governments really felt the need for more European rules and regulations in this area, separate rules for financial products would be needed.

NIE 'too much profit'

NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRIC, the privatised electricity company, is "making too much profit" from its regulated businesses, says a report by the all-party Northern Ireland Affairs Select Committee. Electricity costs more in Northern Ireland than in the rest of the UK and prices are set to rise further, the select committee said, concluding that these prices stem, in part, from the relationship between the generators and NIE. It recommends tougher regulations "to prevent abuse of near duopoly power".

Opec quotas continue

THE Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), meeting in Vienna, has agreed to roll over existing production quotas for the first half of next year, but analysts said prices could fall if members continue to cheat on quotas. Opec has a daily production ceiling of 24.52 million barrels, but members are exceeding this by about 900,000 barrels. The price Opec gets for its oil is $4 to $5 below the group's target of $21 a barrel. Of the Opec members, Venezuela is believed to account for more than one-third of the overproduction.

'No' to merger inquiry

THE proposed merger of Lloyds Bank and TSB Group will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said that he had decided not to order an inquiry. Bifu, the finance union, which fears reduced customer choice after branch closures and job cuts, had called for an MMC inquiry. Lloyds and TSB have agreed to merge from the end of next month to form a group worth £13.6 billion. The deal is still subject to approval by shareholders and regulatory bodies.

Boeing offer rejected

WORKERS at Boeing, the aircraft manufacturer, have rejected a new offer of a three-year contract in a move which will prolong the six-week-old strike at the company. The 60 per cent vote by the machinists' union to reject the management's latest offer will keep 30,000 workers idle in what is already the second-longest strike in Boeing's history. It has already cost the company about 15 per cent of this year's production. Machinist union leaders had expected the latest offer to be overwhelmingly accepted.

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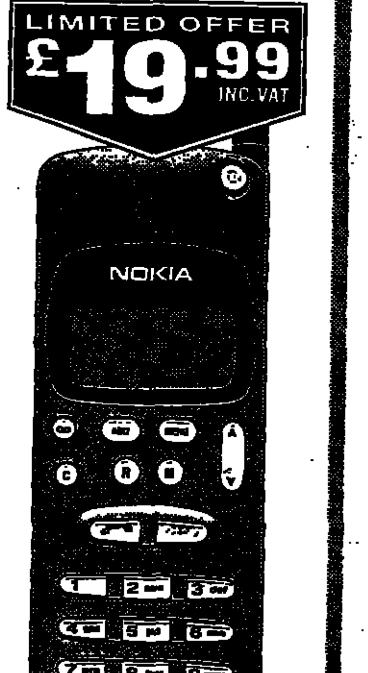

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☐ Not so much 'Rocco' as *Rocky VI* ☐ PFI grand promises turn sour ☐ A guiding hand through the Grid

A fight to the finish

☐ NOW THIS is a bit more like it — a proper, shoot-'em-up, knock-'em-down takeover bid. This one will go all the rounds, and it will not be fought according to the Queensberry rules.

In the blue corner, Sir Rocco Forte is defending the family escutcheon. In the red corner is Gerry Robinson's amazing perpetual motion machine, throwing out cash faster than he can spend it. Beware Italians protecting the family honour — they feel more strongly about it than Anglo-Saxons. This bid battle, while it will map out the usual choreography, will be vicious, and it will be all about personalities.

Granada has already slapped its rival in the face by opting to sell the Savoy stake. The Savoy soap opera has occupied huge amounts of Forte management time over one and a half decades, to the detriment, some would say, of the rest of the business.

The struggle for the Savoy, which is in reality merely one of a number of good but very expensive hotels in the capital, was about that most English of things, class. The old guard at the Savoy looked down on Lord Forte as a milkbar owner and a foreigner to boot, and were not shy of showing it. This merely strengthened the Fortes' will.

So far into the bid, and the normal introductory dance steps have been taken. Granada, whose day it was yesterday, has marshalled its facts and figures showing why Mr Robinson and not Sir Rocco should be running Forte; £100 invested in the latter five years ago is now worth £130; the same amount in Granada would have risen to almost £550.

Forte, wrong-footed and with Sir Rocco off shooting the local wildlife — and surely he had heard the rumours, and surely he knew today was Granada's interim figures? — rushed out a textbook "take no action" rejection of an offer that was, you guessed, "opportunistic".

Granada, in criticising the management, is attacking its chairman, chief executive and most recognisable face, personally. The defence will run that *this is too big a bite even for Mr Robinson, running top hotels not* the same as catering ... one could draft it now.

Sir Rocco's problem, aside from a certain chilling aloofness, is that management excellence does not always run in the genes — indeed, it may just be a background as a struggling immigrant that made the father such a great businessman, a background the son lacks. He has laboured under his father's shadow since becoming chairman two and a half years ago, and the City has yet to be convinced.

Sir Rocco will not want to strike a deal, good news for investors because as well as adding to the entertainment value, this will drive the numbers up. At some price, the City will cease to back him. So the only fear that might drive him to the negotiating table is this: there is only one thing worse than having to sell the family silver, and that is having the family silver sold from under you.

Private finance, public need

☐ THE GOVERNMENT has been promising that the Private Finance Initiative is about to take off for all of the three years since Norman Lamont dreamed it up. At the Lord Mayor's Banquet on Monday, John Major said private finance is already a reality and that £5 billion of PFI contracts would definitely be signed by April. A closer examination throws plenty of doubt on this forecast. That £5 billion includes the Channel Tunnel rail link and, given a laughable history of delays so far, it would be a foolish mandarin indeed who blindly backed this rhetoric.

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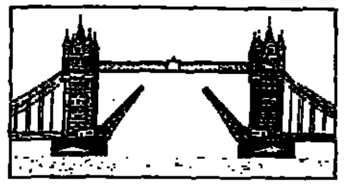

Drawing heavily on criticisms of the Government's handling of the initiative by industrialists at the CBI recently, Labour this week accused it of a lethal concoction of red tape and doctrinaire hang-ups. One criticism is that the Government has failed to set priorities among the 78 projects being considered under PFI. The upgrading of the West Coast mainline is, for example, on an equal footing with laying tarmac over the car park at Eastbourne Hospital.

But the broad charge is that a sound policy has foundered on the rocks of woeful incompetence and inattention to detail once the ideological point has been made. This is nothing new. Privatisation was a jolly good idea: its implementation has sometimes been disastrous.

The truth — and this is what Labour's Treasury and City team really fear — is that the Government is greedily eyeing the lower public spending which the PFI potentially delivers, but it cannot work out the nuts and bolts. John Major's trumpeting of his £5 billion contracts can only be laying the groundwork for big spending and therefore tax cuts on Tuesday.

It is widely accepted that the £1.8 billion road building programme has been cut back. John Major announced £400 million of private finance for roads. The link is clear. Labour quite rightly pointed out that, thus far, only £500 million of private finance has been delivered. Yet public investment fell by £2 billion in the first two years after the PFI.

If those Tory tax cuts are to be credible, therefore, Mr Major must be prepared to deliver on that £5 billion promise.

Heading for Grid-lock

☐ THE National Grid float has the makings of an utter shambles, but the situation is not beyond rescue. The 1990 privatisation created a huge and unwieldy private shareholder base, locked in because the small size of many holdings and the cost of selling them.

The exercise is being repeated. Half the 12 regional electricity companies have either been bought or are under formal offer; *the other half* are distributing their Grid shares free ahead of the start of dealing on December 11 to a total of 1.5 million shareholders.

The mathematics are complex and not made much clearer in the documents now dropping through shareholders' front doors. But broadly, a holder of 100 shares in the six distributing Recs gets between 48 and 107 shares in the Grid worth at yesterday's price £109 to £244. The Grid is talking about special dealing arrangements but, strangely, will not give details. Meanwhile, the new owners of the other Recs are required to sell almost all their holdings within a year, guaranteeing a slow drip of shares on to the market and depressing the price just as private shareholders are themselves thinking about selling.

Two things must be done. The special dealing should be either free or as cheap as the Grid can make it. It must be in the interests of those investors who choose to remain that such a bloated shareholder list is slimmed drastically. There should also be arrangements made with the selling Recs to ensure an orderly market exists should a million or more investors decide to sell out.

Taxing the patience

☐ THE TAX laws are incomprehensible to mere mortals, and this is hampering both MPs and the courts. So says the Institute for Fiscal Studies. As any taxpayer knows, anything to do with tax is deliberately over-complex, from the annual return upwards, because this helps all those little civil servants to keep their jobs. We are bamboozled: why should MPs and tax lawyers get off any more lightly?

Courtaulds falls to £68m on raw material costs

PETER TREVNOR

Sipko Huismans, left, with Howard Evans, finance director

By Sarah Bagnall

THE pain wreaked on Courtaulds by sharp rises in two key raw materials was revealed yesterday when the paint to polymers group unveiled a 16 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £67.8 million in the six months to September 30.

Relief that the news was not worse helped to lift the shares 39p to 399p, reversing a fall of 19p reflecting nervousness before the results.

The fall entirely related to the fibres and chemicals division, where attempts to recover higher raw-material costs by lifting prices failed. As a result, the division's profits fell 38 per cent to £26 million. Sipko Huismans, chief executive, said: "In fibres and chemicals, all main areas other than acrylic and viscose showed year on year improvement, but the results were overwhelmed by the impact of swingeing raw material price rises in pulp and acrylonitrile."

He said the price of wood pulp, the raw material for viscose, had risen so sharply that Courtauld's annual pulp bill would be $100 million more if the pulp was bought at current prices against the long-term average price. Acrylonitrile, the raw material for acrylic, has risen from $700 a ton to $1,500 a ton in six months, he added.

In both cases prices are now falling but are expected to decline further and as a result customers are delaying buying decisions, which is depressing demand.

Mr Huismans said the benefits of the declines in prices would not benefit Courtaulds' results until next spring. "This is because it takes six months to work through the system," he said.

The performance of the fibres and chemicals division overshadowed improved results from the two other parts of the group. Profits from the coatings and sealants arm rose £5 million to £40 million while profits from the polymer products division increased £5 million to £20 million. Mr Huismans said: "If it hadn't been for acrylic and viscose we would have been very pleased with the results."

He said sales of Tencel, the first new man-made fibre to be produced for 20 years, had now reached 20,000 tonnes and was rising. A new production facility will be up and running in the next two months to help the company meet the growing demand.

The dividend, due 21 January, was lifted from 4.15p to 4.3p and is being paid out of earnings of 11.3p a share, down from 15p last time.

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Chiefs 'on 18 times staff pay'

BRITISH chief executives earn 18 times as much as their workers in manufacturing companies, a new survey says. The figure is up from 16 times last year, but is roughly in line with French, Italian and Spanish executives, it was found.

Tower Perrin, the London-based consultants, put British chief executives 10th out of 22 countries in terms of their pay as a multiple of workers' pay, up from 12th last year.

The average total remuneration of a chief executive is £300,000 in Britain, against £372,000 in France, £317,000 in Germany and £575,000 in the US, the study says.

Eggar appeals for talks on gas to avoid higher bills

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

CONSUMERS could face higher gas bills than necessary unless North Sea producers agree to renegotiate take-or-pay contracts with British Gas, Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, said.

Calling for producers to open talks with British Gas about price cuts in response to a gas glut, he signalled Government willingness to assist, possibly by cuts in the £170 million-a-year levy on gas production where specific fields might otherwise be uneconomic. He said that some US producers had been too inclined to consult lawyers rather than talk. He suggested that they should take their share of the responsibilities that went with participation in the "flexible regime" that prevailed on the United Kingdom continental shelf.

But he insisted that there was no threat "either implicitly or explicitly" to penalise companies that fail to fall into line in subsequent applications for exploration and production licences.

British Gas has been obliged to set aside more than £500 million to cover losses on gas it has contracted to buy but is now no longer able to use because rivals have made rapid inroads into its markets. It has appealed for government help, warning that the phased introduction of competition to supply householders, starting next April, could leave families carrying much of the burden.

But talking to journalists yesterday, Mr Eggar said: "We are not going to solve any issues by taking the burden up with the taxpayer." He said that, in the short term, price cuts to the consumer arising from liberalisation and lower bulk gas prices "might have to be delayed". Later, he told the Association of British Independent Exploration Companies: "The Government has neither the power nor the desire to impose a solution."

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C&W shares up after departures

By Eric Reguly

SHARES in Cable and Wireless broke through their year-high yesterday in the wake of the ousting of Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman, and James Ross, the chief executive.

The shares ended the day at 466p, up by 37p, or 8.6 per cent. Their previous high was 449p.

Analysts said that the shares climbed because C&W was now in a "no-lose" situation. Investors think that the company will either be taken over or that the new executive team, which has not yet been appointed, will boost the value of the group.

C&W officials said that they have held no talks with potential acquisitors and believe that C&W's "natural poison pills" would make it difficult for any company, regardless of size, to complete a takeover.

Veba, the German industrial group, owns 10.5 per cent of C&W and might use institutional clout to try to block a change in ownership.

Furthermore, under the takeover rules of the Hong Kong stock exchange, an acquisitor might be forced to buy out the minority shareholders of Hong Kong Telecom, which is owned 57.5 per cent by C&W and is the group's most valuable investment.

British Telecom, which is considered to be the most logical buyer of C&W, would face enormous regulatory hurdles. The telecoms regulator would not allow BT to own C&W unless it sold Mercury Communications, which is 80 per cent owned by C&W and is BT's main competitor. BT would take the risk of having to sell Mercury at fire-sale prices.

Author victim of $1.6m plot

From Richard Thomson in New York

THE plot sounds far-fetched: a famous author befriends a stranger at a baseball game and within weeks hands over $1.6 million to invest. But the friend turns out to be a dubious one and the money vanishes, leaving the author looking foolish.

Yet this is what has happened to Tom Clancy, author of *Hunt for Red October*, *Patriot Games* and other blockbuster thrillers.

Mr Clancy and his wife, Wanda, met Richard Scott in 1992 at a Baltimore Orioles game and liked him. Mr Scott, who ran a company called Goldie's Coin & Stamp Centre, said he could achieve returns of 30 per cent on equities for investors in his fund. Mr Clancy gave him a cheque for $400,000 and more than $1 million a little later.

Unfortunately, Mr Scott actually invested the money, together with millions more from dozens of other investors, in a speculative account with a reputable broking firm, and lost it.

It emerged later that Mr Scott was not only selling coins, stamps and baseball cards from Goldie's, but also investments in an illegal and unregistered mutual fund, regulators claimed. When Goldie's went bankrupt earlier this month, it owed investors $6.7 million.

Mr Clancy says he is not planning to incorporate his blunder into the plot of a future novel because he does not want to "memorialise" it. He is, however, far from destitute despite his losses: he earned about $28 million last year alone.

Hard times hit Meyer in first half

By Philip Pangalos

Dobby: profits fall

TOUGH trading conditions and a deteriorating UK housing market have taken a toll on first-half profits at Meyer International, the building products and timber group that owns the Jewson chain of builders' merchants.

Pre-tax profits slid to £20.1 million in the six months to September 30, from £27.4 million last time, as sales fell 5 per cent to £638.4 million.

Improved margins helped Jewson, which has 192 branches, to lift operating profits to £13.6 million (£13.1 million), in spite of a 7 per cent drop in turnover to £229.1 million. The operating margin recovered to 5.9 per cent (5.3 per cent) after dipping to 4.6 per cent.

Profits at the forest products division, which imports and distributes panel products, timber and laminates, slid to £5.7 million (£9.7 million), as turnover fell 3 per cent to £212.9 million. The division was hit as imported softwood prices fell. Trading was also difficult in North America.

Profits at PontMeyer, the Dutch subsidiary, saw operating profits halved to Guilder 10.9 million (Guilder 21.8 million) on a 7.5 per cent fall in sales to Guilder 388.1 million. The division was hit by a slump in whitewood prices this year, , adverse currency moves and other factors.

John Dobby, chief executive, said current market trends indicate that this year's profits will "fall some way short" of last year's total.

The interim dividend, payable on February 2, is maintained at 4.2p, in spite of a drop in headline earnings to 10.9p (13.5p) a share. The shares added 15p to 378p.

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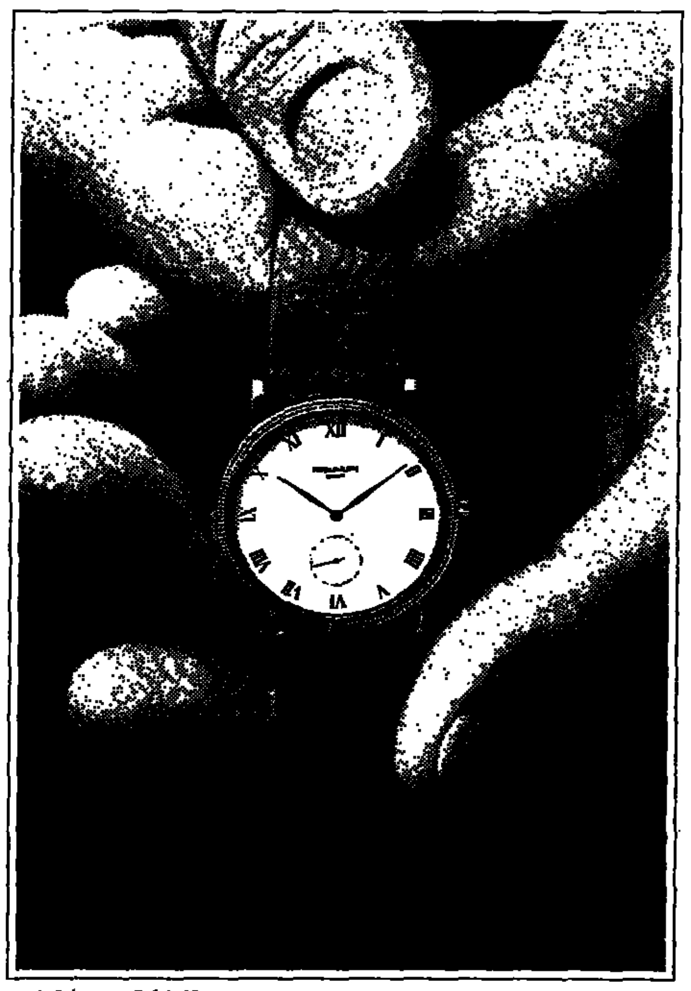
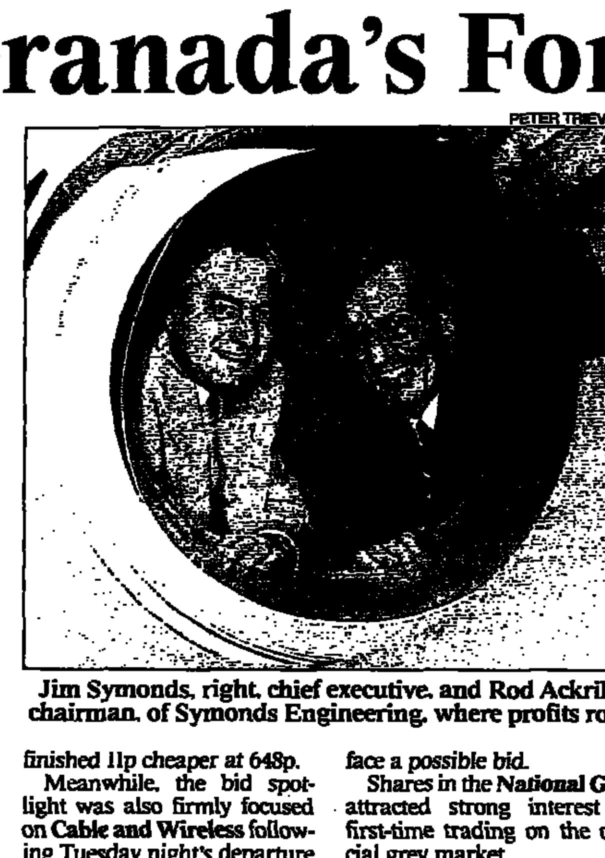


STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Index hits new heights on Granada's Forte bid


PETER TRIEVNOR

Jim Symonds, right, chief executive, and Rod Ackrill, chairman, of Symonds Engineering, where profits rose

SHARE prices on both sides of the Atlantic were breaking new ground last night. In London the equity market was underpinned by a new wave of takeover speculation, prompted by Granada's £3.4 billion offer for Forte and the possibility of a bid for Cable and Wireless after this week's boardroom bust-up.

Prices had got off to a strong start after the 40-point surge in the Dow Jones average overnight, which carried it back through the 5,000 level to close at a record high. London succeeded in shrugging off the gloom surrounding this week's series of profit warnings to make early headway.

Supported by another firm start to trading on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day with a rise of 28.3 points to a record all-time closing high of 3,632.4. It stretches the rise on the year to 567 points. The renewed takeover activity helped to stretch turnover on the day to 856 million shares.

Granada's offer for **Forte**, up 72½p at 347½p, was immediately rejected, with the hotelier claiming that it undervalued the business. The terms of four new Granada shares, plus £23.25 in cash, values Forte at 328p a share with a cash alternative of 321p a share. Forte described the bid approach as unsolicited.

Granada claimed it had been planning the bid for years. Its share price reacted with a fall of 48p to 649p. It said that if the bid succeeded it would sell the Lillywhites store, Forte's motorway service areas, its stake in the Savoy Hotel and its remaining interests in Alpha Airports.

Shares in the **Savoy** responded with a leap of 142p to £10.25, while **Alpha Airports**, floated off earlier this year, climbed 13p to 114p.

Granada, famous for the *Coronation Street* soap, made its move after unveiling full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £265.4 million to £351 million.

The biggest contribution to profits came from a 65 per cent rise in operating profits at its television interests, which included a full first-time contribution from London Weekend Television.

Pearson, publisher of *Financial Times* and with its own television interests, was tipped earlier this week as a Granada bid target. Its shares finished 11p cheaper at 648p.

Meanwhile, the bid spotlight was also firmly focused on **Cable and Wireless** following Tuesday night's departure of Lord Young, chairman, and James Ross, chief executive, following a boardroom row. The price touched 475p before settling 37p higher at 466p as more than 34 million shares changed hands.

The speculators are convinced the group is now vulnerable to an unwanted bid despite an overnight denial in the US from Craig McCaw, the mobile phone billionaire, that he had any intention of making such a move.

In the City's eyes C&W has lost its way. The new management must attempt to realise shareholder value quickly or face a possible bid.

Shares in the **National Grid** attracted strong interest in first-time trading on the official grey market.

They opened at 230½p compared with initial estimates pitched at between 215p and 222p. After touching a peak of 237p, they closed at 232p with more than 22 million shares changing hands.

The Grid's public debut also coincided with publication of the prospectus accompanying the flotation and interim figures showing operating profits of £330.7 million. At present, all the regional electricity companies have a stake in the company.

Inchcape, the Toyota motor distributor, remained a weak market, tumbling 12½p to a new low of 255½p amid growing concern about its ability to keep its 15p gross dividend intact.

Only last week the shares were hit by a profit downgrading by UBS, the broker, which cut its forecast to £142 million. Last year Inchcape made pre-tax profits of £228 million.

Lloyds Bank responded to the news that its £13.6 billion merger with the TSB had been given the all-clear by the Department of Trade and Industry with a rise of 21½p to 871p.

There had been calls for the bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. **TSB** was 7p better at 415p.

A signal from **Courtaulds**, the chemicals distributor, that it may be over the worst sent its shares climbing 39p to 399p. This was in spite of half-year figures at the bottom end of expectations showing showing a decline in pre-tax profits.

Meyer International, the timber and building supplies group, shrugged off a decline in half-year profits and another warning that the final outcome will fall short of 1994, to end 15p better at 378p. Shares in **Symonds Engineering** firmed 2p to 43p after the precision engineering group accompanied a surge in first-half pre-tax profits to £517,000 (£174,000) with a doubled interim dividend of 0.5p (0.25p).

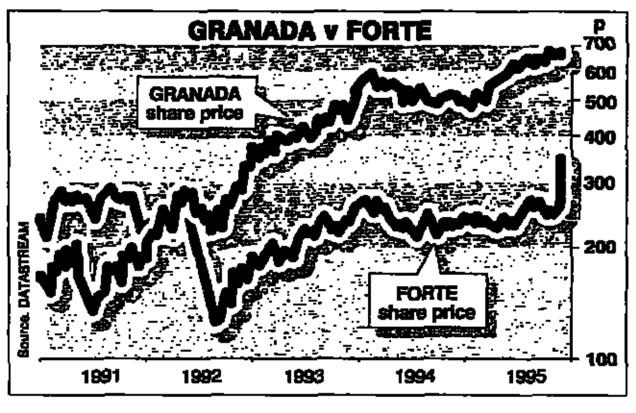
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A firmer German bund market paved the way for some early gains in London. Brokers described trading conditions as thin, but reported that sentiment had improved with many institutional investors confident that the next auction on December 6 will be oversubscribed. The Bank of England is expected to announce details of a ten-year issue next week.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt advanced £¹⁷⁄₃₂ to £108²⁷⁄₃₂. Turnover left much to be desired and by the close only 33,000 contracts had been completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 was £¹⁹⁄₃₂ better at £100³¹⁄₃₂, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished £³⁄₁₆ better at £103²³⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were firm but by midday off their highs. The Dow Jones industrial average was 14.45 points higher at 5,038.

Heaviest turnover was Vodafone with 56.4 million shares traded as the price slumped 23p to 216p. This followed a fall of $4.25 overnight in New York. Increased competition from Orange is one reason:another is that most new subscriptions are made up of non-business tariffs at lower rates.



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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5038.00 (+14.45)
S&P Composite	598.91 (-1.33)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18239.84 (-144.48)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9501.61 (+49.52)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	462.17 (+0.67)

Sydney:

AO	2147.6 (+8.8)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2193.25 (-11.81)

Singapore:

Straits	2107.22 (+4.58)

Brussels:

General	7956.71 (-13.52)

Paris:

CAC-40	1875.47 (+2.54)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	698.10 (+1.70)

London:

FT 30	2656.8 (+40.9)
FT 100	3632.4 (+28.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	3949.3 (+8.1)
FT-SE-A 350	1801.4 (+11.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1441.45 (+1.37)
FT A All-Share	1776.6 (+10.87)
FT Non Financials	1871.13 (+8.29)
FT Fixed Interest	113.33 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	94.73 (same)
Bargains	32623
SEAQ Volume	937.6m
USM (Datastrm)	188.02 (+0.72)
US$	1.5610 (+0.0020)
German Mark	2.1987 (+0.0047)
Exchange Index	82.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1717
£:SDR	1.0389
RPI	149.8 Oct (3.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	148.7 Oct (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Sml Cos Wts	32	...
Arion Props	9	...
BZW Eqts Tesco Elts	287	+ 1
Benfield & Rea	102	...
Chartwell Intl	64	...
Creos Intl	124	...
David Glass (60)	66	- 4
Entrprse Inns (145)	148	...
Guinness Flight	92	+ 1
Guinness Flight U	192	+ 1
Guinness Flight W	10	...
Heritage Baths (125)	158	+ 2
Hoare Govett Sml C	97½	...
Intl Greetings	503	...
MultiMedia (45)	65	+ 1
Northern Venture	97	...
Perp UK Sml C (100)	99	...
Schroder Asia Pc	97	+ 1½
Schroder Asia Pc Wt	34½	+ 1
Vero Group	266½	- 2½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cordiant n/p (60)	31	- 2
Frport Leis n/p (100)	15	...
Mayborn n/p (210)	38	...
Pilkington n/p (155)	38	- 7½
Rhino Group n/p (8)	8½	+ 2
Superscape n/p (330)	95	+ 20

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Channel Hldgs	30p (+7p)
Alpha Airports	114p (+13p)
Courtaulds	399p (+39p)
Cable Wireless	466p (+37p)
Wm Cook	224p (+11p)
Sun Alliance	383p (+16p)
Meyer Int	378p (+15p)
Stand Chart	572p (+20p)
Barclays	810p (+17p)

FALLS:

Billam	103p (-12p)
Vodafone	216p (-23p)
MAID	250p (-19p)
Hornby	147p (-11p)
Granada	649p (-48p)
Euro Disney	176p (-10p)
Unipalm	710p (-40p)

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TEMPUS

Bubbling under

THE gas bubble has all the makings of a political embarrassment. Born in the North Sea it has drifted south and is now sailing up the Thames. Unless the oil industry agrees to reduce the prices it charges to British Gas under take-or-pay contracts, the bubble will burst, probably within striking distance of Westminster.

Tim Eggar was being a little disingenuous when he told a gathering of oil company bosses last night that the Government had neither the power nor the desire to impose a solution. He made it very clear that the contracts would be renegotiated and he would rather it happened earlier rather than later. Companies are free to ignore the Energy Minister's advice but they do so at their peril. After all, who grants exploration licences?

The Government clearly has a problem. In a drive to maximise the tax take from the North Sea, while promoting cheap and plentiful energy, the Government has speeded up development of the UK continental shelf. The liberal and (relatively) easy tax regime has made it one of the more profitable locations for oil and gas companies. It is therefore scarcely surprising that there is now too much gas and the clumsy British Gas, itself labouring under a freed-up market is left paying over the odds on some old contracts.

The spectacle of a Conservative government minister demanding that private companies renegotiate private contracts is an interesting one but the oil industry may feel tempted to call the bluff and demand a reduction in energy taxes. If Mr Eggar really wants a socialist solution, everyone should share the pain as well as the pleasure.

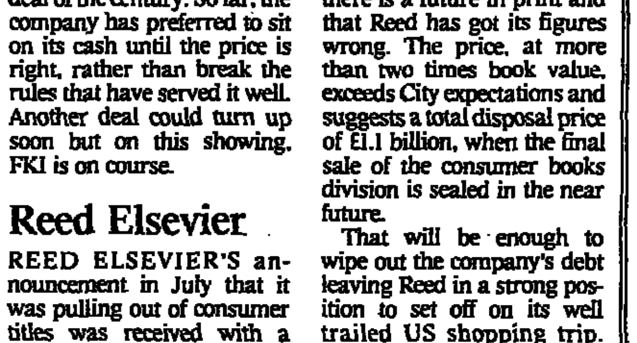
Courtaulds

AFTER months of pounding from the high cost of raw materials, Courtaulds has emerged from its bunker to signal the all-clear. Acrylonitrile prices are falling, and wood pulp has stabilised. The company reckons that shareholders will have to wait till spring to see profits improve, but the message is that margins on acrylic fibre and viscose are set to improve.

The damage was clear in yesterday's figures, particularly to cash flow. Investment in working capital doubled in the first half as the price of acrylonitrile and wood pulp soared, leading to a sharp increase in borrowings. Courtaulds reckons that it can avoid losses as it attempts to shift the higher priced stock, but it will have to tread carefully.

Yesterday's rise in the share price, which went up by 39p, to 399p, reflects a sense of relief that the worst is over. However, the setback in profits emphasises the exposure of Courtaulds to the two commodity fibres. An increase in the acrylonitrile price undermines the profits from acrylics, both in margin and volume, because manufacturers can use alternative fabrics, such as cotton.

Prospects look better, but, after yesterday's bounce, some of the hoped-for recovery is in the price. Clothing manufacturers are still wary of a fickle and cost-conscious public, and, without more evidence that margins have recovered, there is no reason to chase the shares.



FKI

FKI, the engineering group, looks like a management case study of a successful acquisitive conglomerate. The company has registered consistent growth for several years while managing to integrate 15 acquisitions. It has generated plenty of cash, with a net £31 million in the bank at last count, and has eliminated gearing with a rights issue earlier this year.

Yesterday's results indicated that FKI is continuing to do things by the book. There were fears that the company was too exposed to a US market, where it generates 85 per cent of profits. But the company has ridden the downturn in America well, increasing overall US profits by 18 per cent. Only the hardware division, hit by the weak housing market, suffered a small decline in profits. With the economy set to move in FKI's favour, the company should have no problem generating internal growth over the next year. However, as an insurance policy, FKI is keeping one eye on Far Eastern markets.

There was also concern, that with such a strong balance sheet and an acquisitive record, FKI would not be able to resist the expensive deal of the century. So far, the company has preferred to sit on its cash until the price is right, rather than break the rules that have served it well. Another deal could turn up soon but on this showing, FKI is on course.

Reed Elsevier

REED ELSEVIER'S announcement in July that it was pulling out of consumer titles was received with a large pinch of salt.

The strategy — leaving the low-margin, low-growth print sector for high margin on-line services — seemed sensible enough. However, if Reed thought print was ex-growth, it begged the question as to who would pay a decent price for the unwanted titles?

Yesterday's £740 million sale of the five divisions has proved the City sceptics wrong. Despite a recent glut of titles on the block, there appear to be no shortage of companies who believe that there is a future in print and that Reed has got its figures wrong. The price, at more than two times book value, exceeds City expectations and suggests a total disposal price of £1.1 billion, when the final sale of the consumer books division is sealed in the near future.

That will be enough to wipe out the company's debt leaving Reed in a strong position to set off on its well trailed US shopping trip. Last year's £1 billion purchase of Lexis Nexis, the on-line database, has set the scene but the company needs a bigger data library to sell. Reed has the cash but finding the right deal could take time.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	921-920	Mar	1033-1032
Mar	962-961	May	unq
May	980-978	Jul	–
Jul	994-993	Sep	–
Sep	1013-1012		
Dec	1024-1023	Volume:	8330

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2430-2420	Jul	1950-1945
Jan	2172-2170	Sep	1905-1890
Mar	2075-2072	Nov	1875-1850
May	2010-2002	Volume:	3634

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	303.8-03.1
Spot: 393.8		Dec	295.7-95.0
Mar	353.0-52.4	Mar	294.7-93.0
May	343.5-42.6	May	296.7-94.6
Aug	334.3-33.5	Volume:	1673

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	102.50	108.14	123.90
(+/-)	+2.36	-0.53	+0.21
Eng/Wales:	102.65	108.95	122.46
(+/-)	+2.10	-0.37	+0.65
(%)	-12.0	-6.0	+23.0
Scotland:	100.49	104.98	131.24
(+/-)	+4.79	-0.94	-0.77
(%)	-29.0	+2.0	+6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.80	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.60	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.05	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.80	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 187 (-1)	O: 189 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	158 (n/c)	159 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	160 (n/c)	161 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jan	159 (-1)	160 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (-1)	89 (-1)
Naphtha	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	156.25-56.50	Mar	153.25-53.50
Jan	156.00-56.25	Apr	151.25-51.75
Feb	155.00-55.25		Vol: 14313

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.82-16.83	Apr	16.21 BID
Feb	16.57-16.59	May	16.12 SLR
Mar	16.37-16.40		Vol: 27786

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	127.75	Nov	118.00
Jan	128.60	Jan	119.60
Mar	130.55	Mar	121.60
May	132.60	May	123.35
Jul	134.60	Sep	112.25
Volume: 346		Volume: 59	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	250.1	258.5
May	unq	305.0
	Volume:	97

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 111.75-112.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1730	1730	1705
Dec 95	1600	1561	1590
Jan 96	1540	1520	1520
Apr 96	1520	1505	1505
Vol: 154 lots		Open Interest: 3844	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 3000.0-3002.0	3mth: 2760.0-2761.0	Vol: 1261280
Lead ($/tonne)	738.00-739.00	721.00-722.00	193500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1035.0-1035.5	1059.0-1059.5	314425
Tin ($/tonne)	6435.0-6440.0	6461.0-6462.0	29255
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1648.5-1649.0	1683.0-1683.5	954750
Nickel ($/tonne)	8525.0-8530.0	8625.0-8630.0	66816

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	460	35½	43	46½	5½	11	17
(*494)	500	9	21	25	24½	30	36½
Argyll	280	17½	24½	29	6	10	16
(*292½)	300	7	14½	19	17	20½	26½
ASDA	90	8½	11	13	2½	3½	5
(*97½)	100	3	6	8½	7	9	9½
Boots	550	36½	51½	59½	5½	10½	17½
(*576½)	600	11	22½	32	29	33½	41
Br Airways	460	19	32½	39	12	17½	24
(*463)	500	4	14½	20½	38½	41	46½
BP	500	19½	30	37	8	16	20½
(*506)	550	2½	9	16	44	47	50
Br Steel	140	21½	25	27½	0½	2½	4½
(*159½)	160	6½	12	15	6	9	13
C & W	460	22	38	45½	16½	23	28
(*467)	500	7	21	28	41½	46	50½
CU	600	47	58½	66½	6½	20	24½
(*634½)	650	17½	30	40½	26	45½	49
ICI	700	60½	71½	78½	5	16	20½
(*748½)	750	26½	39½	48½	21	37½	42½
Kingfishr	500	31	45½	51	8½	19	26½
(*519)	550	8½	20	27	35½	46	53
Land Sec	600	14	26½	33½	17	21½	33
(*600½)	650	2	8½	13	58	58½	66
M & S	420	33	44	49½	2½	6½	11
(*447)	460	8½	19½	25½	18	22½	28½
Nat West	650	53½	63½	74½	7	19½	28
(*690½)	700	23	34½	47½	29½	43½	52
Sainsbury	360	22	31½	36	4	7½	14
(*373)	390	7	16	21	19	22½	29½
Shell	750	59½	70½	74½	2	9	13
(*800)	800	21½	34½	41½	13½	27½	31½
SmKl Bch	650	54	67½	79½	5	12½	16½
(*693½)	700	20½	36½	50	21½	32	36½
Storehse	300	26½	32	39	3½	7	10½
(*321½)	330	8	15½	22½	16½	19½	24
Trafalgar	20	3½	5½	6½	1½	3	4
(*22)	25	1½	3½	5	5	6	7½
Unilever	1200	43	63½	76	14	29½	39½
(*1219)	1250	16	36	50	39½	54½	61
Zeneca	1250	83	108½	132	23	50½	59½
(*1296½)	1300	54½	80	105	43	73	82½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	420	28½	36½	45½	14	19	25
(*434½)	460	11½	20	27½	38½	42	47½
Ladbroke	130	16	18	22	5½	5½	7
(*138½)	140	10½	13	17	9½	10	11½
Utd Bisc	260	16	22	26	12	17½	21
(*260½)	280	8	13½	18	23½	30	33½

November 22, 1995 Tot: 44737 Call: 24380 Put: 20357 FT-SE Call: 1271 Put: 1741

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	37½	48½	56	3	7	12
(*490)	500	12	23	31½	17½	22½	27½
Thames W	550	34½	51½	60	9	15	28
(*570)	600	11	27½	34	34	40	54
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	47	55	62	10½	20	28½
(*579½)	600	19½	30½	36½	33	46	54
BTR	330	15½	18	23	8½	15½	17½
(*332)	360	4½	7½	11	28½	35	36½
Br Aero	750	55	71	88	21	33	40½
(*773)	800	30	47	62	45½	58	64½
Br Telcm	360	14½	21½	27½	13	19½	20½
(*363½)	390	3½	10	15	35	36	39
Cadbury	550	33	38½	50½	22	33½	36
(*553)	600	13	19½	29	52	64	65½
Guinness	420	47	52	57	4½	9	12
(*457½)	460	19	26	33	16	25	28½
GEC	300	25	32	36½	5	7	11½
(*319½)	330	8	15	19½	18	20½	25½
Hanson	191	8	—	—	8	—	—
(*194½)	211	2½	—	—	22½	—	—
LASMO	160	10	14½	18½	7½	10½	12½
(*160½)	180	3½	6½	10½	20½	22	24
Lucas	180	21	25	28½	3	6	8
(*195)	200	9	13½	17½	11	13½	16½
Pilkngtn	191	13	18½	22	7	8½	12½
(*194)	210	5	10	13½	18½	19	23½
Prudential	420	26½	33	40	13½	22	26½
(*427½)	460	9½	16	22½	36½	46	49½
Redland	330	34½	42	43	5½	12	14
(*354)	360	15½	24½	26½	17½	26	28½
R-Royce	160	13½	16	19½	5	9	11
(*165½)	180	4½	7	10½	16½	20	22
Tesco	260	26½	30½	33	3	7½	9½
(*278)	280	14	17½	21	10½	16	18½
Vodafone	200	24½	29½	—	5	8	—
(*218)	220	12½	18½	22½	13½	16½	18
Williams	330	30½	25½	28½	6½	12½	14½
(*338½)	360	6	10½	14	23½	29½	31½

FT-SE INDEX (*3630½)

	3500	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750
Calls						
Dec	156	111	73	42½	22½	9½
Jan	179½	138½	105½	74½	51½	33
Feb	198½	161	130	100	77	55½
Mar	210½	176½	147	117½	94½	71½
Jun	253½	—	188	—	136	—
Puts						
Dec	10½	17½	30½	51½	83½	126
Jan	26½	38½	55½	75½	103½	138
Feb	38	51	70	91	119½	150½
Mar	49	64½	84	106	133½	162
Jun	90½	—	122½	—	170	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	600	28	46½	52½	6½	23½	29½
(*619½)	650	5½	21	29	34½	52	57
Amstrad	280	9	20	28	7	14½	18½
(*281)	300	2½	11	18½	20	25½	29½
Barclays	800	24½	47½	59	13	33½	42½
(*809½)	850	7	24½	36½	44	62½	70½
Blue Circ	300	23	33½	37	2	7	14
(*320)	330	9½	16½	21	14	20	29
Br Gas	220	17½	25½	27	1	5	9
(*235½)	240	4½	13½	15	8½	13	19
Dixons	390	27	38½	47½	3	11½	19½
(*411½)	420	9½	21½	31	15	25	29
Forte	330	22½	33	35½	6½	13	13
(*346½)	360	5½	15	19½	17	24	26
Tarmac	90	4½	9½	11	3	6	8½
(*91)	100	1	5½	7	9½	12	14½
Hillsdwn	140	17	20½	22	0	2	5½
(*156)	160	2½	8	10	6	9½	15½
Lonrho	160	13½	17½	21	1	5	6
(*171)	180	3	8	11½	10½	16	16½
Sears	100	3	6½	8	3½	5½	6½
(*100)	110	0½	2½	4	10½	11½	13
Thrn EMI	1500	63½	99	136½	12	39	47
(*1542½)	1600	14½	51½	84½	64½	92	97
Tomkins	260	5½	15½	22½	5	11½	14
(*262)	280	1½	7	13½	18½	23½	25½
TSB	390	29½	35½	37½	2	18	21
(*414½)	420	10½	16½	19	12½	32½	35½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	50½	69½	82½	13	30	37½
(*881½)	900	22	41½	56	33½	54½	61½
HSBC	950	39	63½	79½	29	54½	66½
(*952)	1000	19	41	58	57½	84½	96
Reuter	600	30½	46	59½	15½	29	34
(*609½)	650	10	23	36½	45½	56	61
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	34	41½	49½	4	15½	21½
(*384)	390	16½	25½	34	16	31	36
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	6½	7½	0½	0½	0½
(*264)	280	0	0	0½	16	16	17½
	Series	Feb	May		Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	27½	26½	—	0½	1	—
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	—	33	33½	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	34	41½	53½	1	8½	14
(*493½)	500	6	18½	31	16½	23½	32
Scot Pwr	360	20	27	35	2½	9½	12
(*376½)	390	4½	11	19½	16	25	27

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 73399	Dec 95	3642.0	3648.0	3629.0	3644.0	6124
	Mar 96	3666.0	3666.0	3661.5	3667.5	54
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3500	Dec 95				3970.0	0
	Mar 96				4015.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 371210	Dec 95	93.44	93.48	93.44	93.47	8682
	Mar 96	93.65	93.71	93.65	93.70	12493
	Jun 96	93.70	93.76	93.70	93.75	6422
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 110	Dec 95				94.26	0
	Mar 96				94.61	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 886055	Dec 95	96.08	96.10	96.08	96.09	14917
	Mar 96	96.29	96.32	96.28	96.32	25186
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 112366	Dec 95	108-15	108-30	108-13	108-27	34252
	Mar 96	107-29	108-11	107-27	108-08	1974
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	122.48	122.67	122.47	122.67	1239
	Mar 96	121.10	121.32	121.10	121.32	2659
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 213025	Dec 95	97.45	97.75	97.43	97.72	120642
	Mar 96	96.85	97.15	96.85	97.13	15185
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 20682	Dec 95	94.57	94.59	94.56	94.58	817
	Mar 96	94.72	94.74	94.72	94.74	599
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 57085	Dec 95	98.00	98.01	97.99	98.01	1512
	Mar 96	98.20	98.27	98.20	98.26	2687
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 46943	Dec 95	103.30	103.54	103.21	103.47	26762
	Mar 96	102.95	103.17	102.95	103.09	1340

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¹¹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 6⅝. Sell: 2 mth 6¹¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 6⁷⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6²¹⁄₃₂-6¹⁹⁄₃₂	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹⁹⁄₃₂-6¹⁷⁄₃₂	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹⁹⁄₃₂-6¹⁷⁄₃₂
Interbank:	6¹³⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹⁷⁄₃₂-6⁷⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6⅞, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¹¹⁄₁₆	n/a	6⅝	6½	6⅜
Sterling CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.74	n/a	5.73	5.63	5.55
Building Society CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¹⁷⁄₃₂-6¹⁵⁄₃₂	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4-3⅞	4-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	3⅞-3¾	4¼-3½
French Franc:	5½-5¼	5½-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	7-5
Swiss Franc:	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2-1⅞	2⅛-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆	⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co).

Bullion: Open $385.40-385.60 Close: $384.70-385.30 High: $385.40-385.60 Low: $383.80-384.30 AM: $385.30 PM: $384.35

Krugerrand: $385.50-387.50 (£247.00-248.00)

Platinum: $413.25 (£265.60) Silver: $5.22 (£3.345) Palladium: $132.75 (£85.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4553-2.4674	2.4614-2.4646	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.04-45.34	45.12-45.22	13-10pr	33-28pr
Copenhagen	8.4890-8.5420	8.5080-8.5300	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Dublin	0.9697-0.9727	0.9700-0.9726	11-8pr	25-20pr
Frankfurt	2.1922-2.2036	2.1976-2.2007	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	229.23-230.66	229.84-230.47	29-56ds	113-157ds
Madrid	188.23-188.82	188.40-188.69	47-56ds	134-151ds
Milan	2475.0-2487.9	2483.9-2487.9	7-9ds	23-25ds
Montreal	2.1078-2.1156	2.1126-2.1156	0.19-0.11pr	0.32-0.20pr
New York	1.5572-1.5634	1.5624-1.5634	0.14-0.12pr	0.33-0.30pr
Oslo	9.6790-9.7290	9.6950-9.7100	1⅝-1¼pr	4⅛-3⅝pr
Paris	7.5620-7.5990	7.5780-7.5920	1-⅝pr	2⅛-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.125-10.195	10.145-10.166	⅛-⅝ds	½-⅞ds
Tokyo	157.11-158.58	157.11-157.38	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2⅛pr
Vienna	15.424-15.505	15.449-15.476	⅞-⅛pr	1⅞-⅝pr
Zurich	1.7705-1.7758	1.7723-1.7751	⅞-⅝pr	2⅛-2pr

Source: Extel   Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3486-1.3495
Austria	9.92-9.93
Belgium (Com)	28.98-29.02
Canada	1.3540-1.3545
Denmark	5.4646-5.4666
France	4.8630-4.8645
Germany	1.4104-1.4109
Hong Kong	7.7338-7.7348
Ireland	1.6034-1.6054
Italy	1591.00-1593.00
Japan	101.45-101.55
Malaysia	2.5405-2.5415
Netherlands	1.5798-1.5803
Norway	6.2225-6.2290
Portugal	147.60-147.70
Singapore	1.4110-1.4115
Spain	120.87-120.95
Sweden	6.5166-6.5266
Switzerland	1.1375-1.1385

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5578-1.5604
Australia dollar	2.1025-2.1053
Bahrain dinar	0.5810-0.5930
Brazil real*	1.5017-1.5059
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6940-0.7040
Finland markka	6.4975-6.6135
Greece drachma	359.50-366.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0570-12.0663
India rupee	53.73-54.69
Indonesia rupiah	3520.00-3588.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4620-0.4730
Malaysia ringgit	3.9606-3.9647
New Zealand dollar	2.3900-2.3934
Pakistan rupee	53.33 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6075-5.7315
Singapore dollar	2.2011-2.2041
S Africa rand (com)	5.6310-5.7330
U A E dirham	5.6575-5.7815

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,900	Legal & Gn	1,100
ASDA Gp	4,800	Lloyds Bk	3,600
Abbey Ntl	3,400	London Elec	1,300
Allied Dom	1,500	Marks Spr	3,700
Argyll Gp	3,300	Mid Elec	127
Arjo Wggns	8,800	NatWst Bk	3,700
AB Foods	521	Nat Power	1,300
BAA	1,100	NW Water	1,800
BAT Inds	7,800	P & O	2,000
BOC	640	Pearson	2,300
BP	8,800	PowerGen	1,900
BSkyB	4,700	Prudential	5,800
BTR	8,700	REXAM	2,300
BT	13,000	RMC	560
Bk of Scot	644	RTZ	1,000
Barclays	3,600	Rank Org	3,000
Bass	2,500	Reckitt Col	946
Blue Circle	2,900	Redland	665
Boots	992	Reed Intl	1,600
BAe	2,600	Rentokil	584
BA	3,600	Reuters	1,000
Brit Gas	7,000	Rolls Royce	6,500
Brit Steel	1,300	Royal Ins	1,100
Burmah Cstl	861	Ryl Bk Scot	3,000
Cable Wire	38,000	Sainsbury	4,100
Cadbury	2,300	Schroders	8
Carlton Cms	1,000	Scot & New	4,200
Cm Union	1,700	Scot Power	2,300
Cookson	2,600	Sears	12,000
Courtaulds	6,500	Svrn Trent	588
De La Rue	2,400	Shell Trans	3,700
Enterpr Oil	3,800	Siebe	973
Forte	47,000	SmKl Bch	3,000
GKN	999	Smith Nph	1,700
GRE	4,500	Sthern Elec	1,400
GUS	470	Std Chartd	2,700
Gen Acc	1,100	Sun Allnce	3,800
Gen Elec	9,700	TI Gp	295
Glaxo Well	3,500	TSB	15,000
Granada	18,000	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Grand Met	3,800	Tesco	7,600
Guinness	2,000	Thames W	1,700
HSBC	3,800	Thrn EMI	1,100
Hanson	10,000	Tomkins	2,400
ICI	3,100	Unilever	471
Inchcape	7,700	Vodafone	56,000
Kingfisher	1,700	Whitbread	538
LASMO	4,000	Wllms Hld	1,100
Ladbroke	8,600	Wolseley	1,100
Land Secs	1,800	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 21 close
AMP Inc	40	40¼
AMR Corp	71½	69¾
AT & T	64⅝	64⅝
Abbott Labs	41	41½
Advanced Micro	20⅝	20⅞
Aetna Life	73⅜	73¾
Ahmanson (HF)	26⅝	26⅝
Air Prod & Chem	57⅝	57¾
AirTouch Comm	28⅞	28⅝
Alberto-Culver B	31	31½
Albertson's	33⅞	34
Alcan Aluminium	33½	33¾
Alco Standard	46⅛	46⅝
Allied Signal	44⅝	44⅜
Alum Co of Am	57⅝	55½
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅝
Amerada Hess	48⅝	49
Amer Brands	42⅞	43
Amer El Power	36⅞	37⅛
Amer Express	43⅝	43⅞
Amer Genl Corp	33½	34¼
Amer Home Pr	91	91⅛
Amer Intl	88½	88⅞
Amer Stores	26⅞	26⅞
Ameritech	55⅞	55½
Amoco	67⅝	67⅛
Anheuser-Busch	66⅝	67⅛
Apple Computer	38⅞	38⅛
Archer Daniels	17⅝	17⅛
Armco	6⅝	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	61½	61⅝
Asarco	34⅛	33⅞
Ashland Oil	33½	33
Atl Richfield	110	111
Auto Data Pro	76⅞	76⅞
Avery Dennison	47⅝	47⅛
Avon Products	73	73⅝
Baker Hughes	20⅞	20⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	38	38⅛
BankAmerica	62⅝	61⅞
Bank of NY	46⅝	46⅝
Bankers Tr NY	61½	63
Barnett Banks	58⅝	58⅛
Bausch & Lomb	37⅝	37
Baxter Intl	36⅞	37⅛
Becton Dicknsn	68⅝	68⅞
Bell Atlantic	64	65⅛
Bell Industries	22⅝	22⅝
BellSouth	39	39⅝
Black & Decker	36⅛	36⅝
Block (H&R)	46⅛	45⅞
Boeing	73⅞	73⅝
Boise Cascade	35⅞	35⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	78⅞	79⅛
Browning Ferris	29⅝	29⅞
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	80	80
CBS	81½	81½
CNA Financial	116	115⅞
CPC Intl	67⅛	67⅛
CSX	86⅝	85⅞
Campbell Soup	53½	54⅛
Can Pacific	18⅞	18
Cptl Cities ABC	124⅝	123
Carolina Pwr	32⅞	33
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅝
Central & SW	26⅞	26⅞
Champion Intl	45⅝	45
Chase Manhtn	61⅛	61
Chemical Bk	60⅝	60
Chevron Corp	50	50⅞
Chrysler	51	49⅞
Chubb Corp	98	97⅛
Cigna Corp	105⅝	104⅞
Citicorp	68⅞	68
Clorox	74⅞	75
Coastal Corp	32⅛	32⅞
Coca Cola	75⅝	76⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	70⅛	70⅞
Columbia Gas	40⅝	41
Compaq Comp	48⅝	47⅞
Comp Ass Int	57⅝	56⅞
Conagra	39⅝	39⅝
Conrail	69⅝	69
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅞
Cons Nat Gas	43⅝	43⅛
Cooper Inds	35⅛	35⅝
Corestates	38	38
Corning Inc	28⅝	28⅞
Crown Cork	41½	41⅛
Dana Corp	28⅞	28⅝
Dayton Hudson	72⅝	73⅞
Deere	91	87⅝
Delta Air Lines	73⅞	72
Deluxe Corp	28	27⅞
Detroit Edison	32⅝	32⅞
Digital Equip	53	53⅞
Dillard Dept St	29⅝	29⅞
Disney (Walt)	62⅝	60⅝
Dominion Res	39⅝	39⅞
Donelley (RR)	39⅞	39
Dover Corp	39	38⅛
Dow Chemical	69⅝	69⅞
Dow Jones	37	36⅞
Dresser	22⅝	22
Duke Power	44½	45⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	61	61⅛
Du Pont	66⅝	65⅝
Eastman Kodak	69⅞	69⅞

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 21 close
Eaton Corp	55	53⅝
Emerson Elec	73⅞	74⅜
Engelhard Corp	22	22
Enron Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Entergy	27⅞	27½
Ethyl Corp	12⅞	12⅞
Exxon	79	79⅞
FMC Corp	72⅝	73
FPL Group	42⅞	42⅞
Federal Express	77½	77⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	108	108
First Chicago	67⅞	67⅝
First Interstate	134⅞	135
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	40⅛	40⅞
Fluor Corp	62⅝	62⅞
Ford Motor	29⅞	29
GTE Corp	41½	41⅛
Gannett	60⅝	61⅛
Gap Inc Del	48⅞	48⅞
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Gen Mills	54½	55
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Gen Reinsurance	146⅛	146⅝
Gen Signal	31½	31½
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Georgia Pac	73⅞	72⅞
Gillette	52⅞	52⅞
Glaxo Welle ADR	27⅛	27½
Goodrich (BF)	70⅞	70⅞
Goodyear Tire	41⅛	40⅞
Grace (W&R)	59	59⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21⅛	21⅞
Great Wstn Fin	24⅛	24⅝
Halliburton	42	41½
Harcourt General	40⅞	40⅞
Heinz (HJ)	32	32⅛
Hercules	56⅞	56⅝
Hershey Foods	61	61½
Hewlett Packard	85⅞	84
Hilton Hotels	64⅞	66⅛
Home Depot	44⅛	44⅛
Homestake Mng	15⅞	15⅞
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Household Intl	57⅞	58
Houston Inds	45⅞	46
Humana	24⅞	23⅝
ITT Corp	121½	121½
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Ultramar	28⅞	28⅞
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Ingersoll Rand	36⅞	35⅝
Inland Steel	24⅛	24½
Intel Corp	62⅞	63
IBM	95⅞	94⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	51⅞	51½
Intl Paper	36⅞	35⅛
James River Va	28⅛	28⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	84⅛	85⅞
Kellogg	75⅞	75½
Kerr-McGee	57⅛	57⅛
Kimberly-Clark	75⅝	75½
Kmart	7⅝	7⅞
Knight-Ridder	64⅛	63⅞
Lilly (Eli)	98⅛	100
Limited Inc	17⅞	17⅛
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Lockheed Martin	72	72
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MCI Comm	26⅞	26⅞
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Marsh & McLnn	84⅛	84⅞
Masco Corp	30⅝	30⅝
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Medtronic	52	52⅛
Mellon Bk	53⅞	53⅞
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Merrill Lynch	55⅞	54⅛
Microsoft	85⅝	88
Minnesota Mine	64⅛	64⅛
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NL Industries	12⅞	12⅞
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Owens Corning	43	42⅞
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PP&L Res	23½	23⅝
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Pac Enterprises	26⅝	26⅜
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United Tech	91½	90⅞
Unocal Corp	27⅝	27⅞
VF Corp	50⅛	50⅞
WMX Tech	29	28⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅝	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	89⅞	90½
Wells Fargo	213⅝	214⅝
Westinghouse El	16½	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	43
Whirlpool	56⅝	54⅞
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	65	68
Woolworth	15⅞	15⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47⅝	48
Xerox	138⅝	138⅛
Yellow Corp	12⅛	12⅞

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ECONOMIC VIEW **ANATOLE KALETSKY**

Why the Tories have lost people's trust

A Budget rate cut is the best way to imprint the link between low rates and sound public finances

Looking forward to Tuesday's Budget — the last which can have any impact before the general election — inspires a sad reflection, at least if you are a Tory politician or voter. The British economy has performed remarkably well since the 1992 election, even in spite of the Bank of England mistakes that prompted the present slowdown. Since the end of John Major's economic delusions on White Wednesday, the Government has followed a broadly sensible and successful economic policy. The Tories managed to have won the battle of economic ideas. Why, then, have they lost the political war?

The obvious answer is that voters have gained very little from the economy's good performance. Most of Britain's growth since 1992 has been used to narrow the trade deficit, reduce public sector borrowing and raise corporate profits; consumption, personal incomes and house prices have all remained weak. But there have been plenty of periods in the past when consumption and real incomes have fallen still more sharply (not least in the pre-election periods of 1990-91 and 1981-82), without hurting the Government's economic reputation.

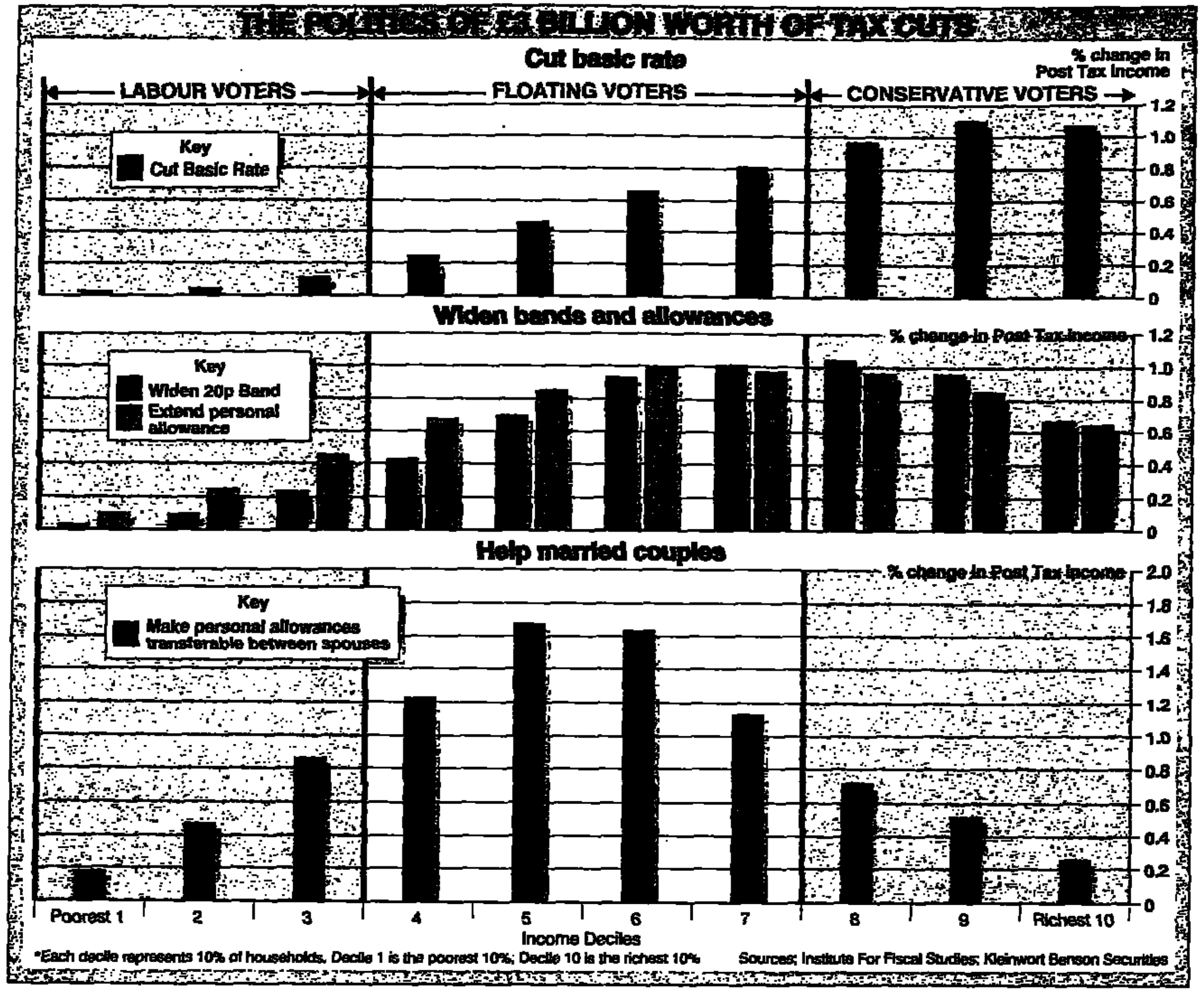
Some people argue that the fall in house prices is the new factor that has turned voters against the Government in unprecedented numbers. But the fall in interest rates since April 1992 has boosted a typical homeowner's disposable income by some £1,500 a year. This has more than offset the £1,000-odd he has lost in extra income tax. Why, then, does he feel so bitter about Government economic policy?

I think there are two reasons, both of which next week's Budget could partly put right, but probably will not. The first is the inept and underhand way the Government distributed its tax increases. The second, and more important, reason is the Government's failure to explain to the public that higher taxes would lead inevitably and directly to permanently low interest rates.

First Norman Lamont and then Kenneth Clarke really seemed to believe that they had pulled off the political stunt of the decade by imposing some £20 billion of tax increases without openly breaking any manifesto commitments. They added insult to injury by insisting that the Tories remained the party of "low taxation" because they had done nothing to break their commitment to reduce the standard rate of tax from 25p to 20p in the pound. For a while, they managed to bewilder the public and the media into confusing the true burden of taxes with the "standard rate".

But this deception could not last beyond May 1994, when people started to see the real impact of the Government's tax policies on their pay packets. Perhaps it was no coincidence that this was about the time when public respect for the Government went into free fall.

In Tuesday's Budget, the Chancellor has his best, and perhaps his last, chance to make some partial amends for this confidence trick. The way to do this would be to restore the tax allowances slashed in the last three Budgets, instead of continuing his con trick by cutting the standard rate. The charts (produced by the Institute for Fiscal Studies) show the impact of tax changes, each costing about £3 billion, on households with different incomes. The IFS, however, is not responsible for the political delineation of these income groups. For this simple but suggestive refinement I must thank David Owen, of Kleinwort Benson Securities.



*Each decile represents 10% of households. Decile 1 is the poorest 10%; Decile 10 is the richest 10%

Sources: Institute For Fiscal Studies; Kleinwort Benson Securities

The charts show that of all the possible ways of handing out tax cuts, the least productive politically would be a reduction in the standard rate. The top chart (which Labour might do well to reproduce in its advertising, alongside Saatchi & Saatchi's 1992 "tax bombshell") shows that a standard rate cut would give most money to the richest 30 per cent — those likely to vote Tory anyway. It would do least for the middle 40 per cent of the income distribution, who have suffered most from the loss of allowances and have abandoned the Tories in droves.

The bottom chart shows that by far the best way to target this middle income group would be to improve the tax treatment of married couples — perhaps by introducing transferable personal allowances, similar to the arrangements that exist in America and most other OECD countries. A similar political argument could probably be made for increasing mortgage tax relief. Yet neither of these sensible reforms have much chance of being announced next week. Mr Clarke, in spite of his reputation as a "political" Chancellor, is far more responsive to Treasury conventional wisdom than he is to the clamour from his backbenches. The Treasury view says that marriage allowances and mortgage tax relief are "distortions" of the tax system that ought to be made "fiscally neutral". Accordingly, the mandarins press at every opportunity to eliminate special reliefs and allowances, even if this is politically suicidal or economically damaging (as in the case of reducing mortgage relief in the midst of a housing slump).

In sum, therefore, it seems unlikely that the £5 billion of income tax reductions I expect to see in the Budget will do much to improve the public's perception of Tory economic management. There is, however, an altogether different approach that the Chancellor could take. This would be to explain clearly, for the first time since White Wednesday, the Government's one unquestionable economic achievement.

This has been the reduction of interest rates to below 7 per cent and, even more importantly, the creation of conditions to keep them there for the rest of the decade. Low interest rates are the only tangible benefit of low inflation. They are the material reward for putting public finances in order and the compensation for paying higher taxes. Unless the Chancellor can make the public see the clear and direct link that ties low interest rates to sound public finances and low inflation, he can expect no gratitude for anything he has achieved since 1992.

The best way to imprint the link between low interest rates and sound public finances in the public mind would be to announce a cut in interest rates in the Budget. Yet since November 1993, the Chancellor has deliberately avoided announcing such a change at Budget time. Far from trying to show the public why interest rate cuts and public borrowing controls are inextricably connected, the Treasury has done everything in its power to suggest that monetary and fiscal decisions are made in separate worlds.

This damaging disjunction between reality and official policy stems from the monetarist dogma that still holds ideological sway at both the Bank and the Treasury, even though it no longer has any impact on operational decisions. The dogma states that monetary policy must be directed purely and simply at controlling inflation. The sole purpose of fiscal policy should be to maintain a balanced budget over the course of the cycle as an end in itself. The dogma explicitly denies that there can be any possible connection between decisions on interest rates and taxes — even if everyone who practises the dogma acknowledges privately that decisions on monetary and fiscal policy must always be taken simultaneously and are in fact two sides of the same coin.

Under this Orwellian dogma, the Chancellor is forced to deny that there is any connection between fiscal and monetary policy. To explain to the public that the main tangible benefits of tighter fiscal policy will be lower interest rates is strictly forbidden. Furthermore, there can be no attempt to restore economic confidence by offering homeowners, consumers and business investors, that a squeeze on after-tax incomes will be offest by lower interest rates.

The Government's decision to give more control over monetary policy to the Bank has also been a disastrous party political miscalculation. By handing more responsibility for interest rates to a semi-autonomous Bank of England, the Government has not only deprived itself of the only possible justification for tax increases. It has also denied itself the ability to claim credit for either low interest rates or low inflation.

Even worse, it has destroyed the Tories' most powerful electoral weapon against Labour. Fear of high inflation and high interest rates has always been one of the main reasons why middle class people have been reluctant to vote Labour. But if voters are persuaded that interest rates and inflation are controlled by the Bank of England, then a Labour Government is no longer a threat. We will find out soon enough.

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Sir Rocco shoots off early

YOU have got to get up very early to find Sir Rocco Forte at home, or indeed in his office. At 7.30am, Granada (code named Madrid) phoned Sir Rocco's home to be told he wasn't there. Since the Forte (code named Rome) boss sometimes jogs to work, Granada phoned his office, only to be told he was "out shooting". "What, at 7.38am?". "Sir Rocco takes extended weekends" came the reply. Later on Sir Rocco admitted to *City Diary* that he had been in Yorkshire on a shoot, adding "occasionally, I'm entitled to a day off". Sir Rocco's parting shot was "Gerry Robinson (Granada) works five days a week. I work six"... Who was it who said: "I hate Wednesdays. They always spoil two weekends"?

BZW, joint broker with Hoare Govett to Granada, whose bid took Forte by total surprise, is today starting its two-day global coverage conference for 60 of its worldwide chiefs. The venue? The Spa Hotel, Bath — a Forte hotel.

Close shave

SOMEBODY, who shall be nameless, confesses he recently saw Lord Forte on a pedestrian crossing in Sloane Street. "I immediately braked. I don't know what came over me. Two years ago, I would have accelerated," the careful driver confides.

Empty chair

CAN Lord Young of Graffham be job hunting so soon? On Monday, after a day of meetings over his future at C&W, he was at the Guildhall for the Lord Mayor's Banquet. Yesterday, he and Lady Young were due at a luncheon at which Peter Sutherland, chairman of Goldman Sachs International, was to speak. Lady Young showed up, he didn't, thus missing Sutherland's thoughts on "re-training people out of work for some time".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Full circle for the Fortes as the hunters become the hunted

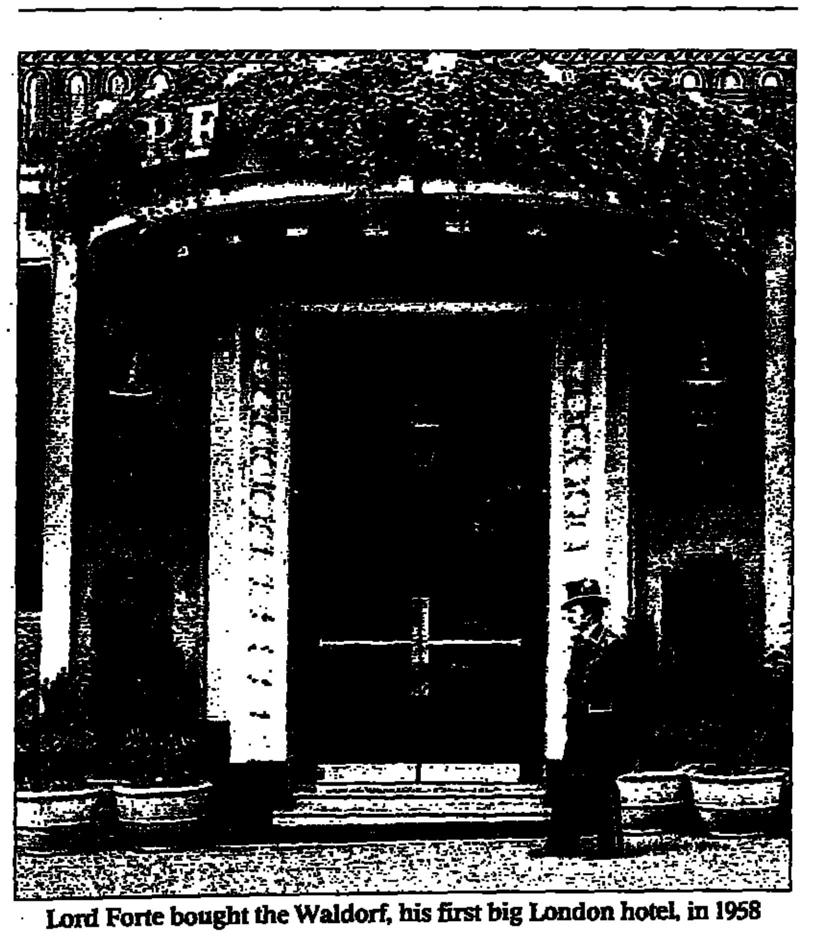
Graham Searjeant on the hotel empire that started from a London milk bar

Lord Forte started selling food and drink in 1935. But he has always had trouble with his image. For decades, Charles Forte and Rocco, his son, were cast as philistine upstart immigrants from the catering trade, as they stormed one haven of upper class privilege after another. Now, a new generation of classless City people see Sir Rocco as a distant, seemingly arrogant dynast, out of touch with the hard-nosed bottom-line culture espoused by the likes of Granada's Gerry Robinson.

The caricature of the Fortes as upstarts became increasingly improbable as the family gained honours, a 7,000-acre shooting estate in Surrey and became highly influential in the emergence of Margaret Thatcher at the top of the Conservative Party. Founder Charles was indeed brought over from Italy aged 5 to join his father, who had opened a café in Glasgow. He did start on his own with a milk bar, the first of many "Fortes", but it was in London's Regent Street, a site still occupied by a Forte restaurant. Sir Rocco had a privileged upbringing, an Oxford education and a background in which the life of grand hotels was as natural as his mother's home cooking.

The old image survived, long after it become silly, because of Forte's 14-year campaign to gain control of the Savoy Hotel group, last bastion of Edwardian England. After years of exhausting warfare, worthy of a Gilbert and Sullivan Savoy opera, an inconclusive truce was reached, but not before denizens of the Savoy Grill and the Connaught Hotel had been frightened with tales of that dreaded Forte invention: "portion control".

In 1970, the upper-class put-down was more important. In that year, Forte made the takeover bid that more than doubled its size, taking on the venerable Trust Houses group, based originally on temperance and latterly on genteel country hotels. The equally genteel board, led by a former *Economist* editor with many Fleet Street friends, saw Forte as the bringer of industrial eating to the world of tea, scones and faded elegance. Forte did still make much of its money from airport and motorway catering, roadside cafés and airport hotels. But the milk bar image had long gone. Lord Forte had bought the Café Royal in London's Regent Street in 1954 and his first fairly grand hotel, London's Waldorf, in 1958. A decade later, he had added Paris's very grand George V.



Lord Forte bought the Waldorf, his first big London hotel, in 1958

Even so, the caricature hurt. Lord Forte was at great pains to explain that he was a high-class hotelier at heart, the best man to preserve and enhance the tradition of Trust Houses' more valuable properties, such as the Grosvenor House in Park Lane. Dark and absurd hints then surfaced that his company had something to do with the mafia, an even more hurtful attack not helped by the coterie of old friends and retainers who had helped him to run Forte for decades. Forte still won and managed to combine running Little Chefs with turning the Grosvenor House into the best place for the biggest banquets. His company went on to become an unlikely world leader for Britain.

Twenty five years after the Trust House bid, Gerry Robinson, ebullient boss of Granada, has no such hang-ups in making a bid for Forte that recalls the latter's assault on Trust Houses. He is the outsider brought in by the Bernstein family to take on an entrepreneurial company that has strange similarities with Forte. Left-leaning Sidney (later Lord) Bernstein came up through the initially distrustful worlds of film and television. Mr Robinson does not pretend to be the heir to the great hoteliers, merely an industrial caterer who supplies burgers on motorways. He has long eyed the attractions of Forte but argues that Granada is buying it as much because it is already too big in the television and appliance rental sectors to expand much more there. He has little truck with the supposedly unique quality of the "host to the world", as Forte likes to call itself. "I have yet to discover a unique business" Mr Robinson argues. "This is essentially a very simple repetitive business of mid-market hotels and roadside catering" he says, suggesting that the grand hotels of the Forte empire might not survive, a successful Granada takeover indefinitely.

The graphs produced by Granada show its own earnings per share and dividends marching impressively upwards from the net loss incurred in 1990-91. Forte, by contrast, has shown declining earnings per share, even though the recession, which hit hotels everywhere, is long past its worst. Forte's dividend was down from 9.9p per share in 1990-91 to 7.5p in the year to January 1995. Its freehold and leasehold assets are magnetically attractive but its cash flow is poor. Forte used remarkably similar graphs and comparisons when it bid for Trust Houses, perhaps because some of the hotels are the very same. The comparisons are not, however, all so similar.

Granada has little time for five-star "trophy hotels", arguing that they are unlikely ever to make a decent return at the prices that trophy collectors have been prepared to pay for them. The rest of Forte's chains face more rounds of cost-cutting. More important, Granada plans to raise prices across all the main brands from Little Chef, Travelodge and Post Houses to the more expensive four-star hotels and Wheelers fish restaurants. Granada's stated aim to charge customers more in businesses that enjoy so many monopoly positions is likely to prove an embarrassment in an extended bid battle. The Savoy saga, which seems to owe little to calculations of shareholder interest, will harm Forte.

Granada will also need to convince the City that it is not taking on too much. On its own calculations, profits before interest and tax would be only four times interest payments even after it had raised £500 million in disposals, mainly of the Savoy stake. That would be more than comfortable for a utility. Even if the disposal figure is realistic — and there is limit to the demand for "trophy" assets — it looks risky for a group that will be vulnerable to any future recession. Granada would also have to pay more than its £3.4 billion opening shot to win Forte, even though many City investors are willing sellers.

Sir Rocco will have to convince these often hostile sceptics that the seemingly placid Forte has changed as much as Granada. When he took the chair over from his father in 1992, a generation of long-term managers retired too. City brokers already expect a surge in profits in the year to January 31. Even Granada assumes its bid is 26 times current earnings against 34 times last year's earnings. Forte will need to forecast another big rise for 1996-97.

In practice, both sides have many similar ideas. Travelodge in America would almost certainly be sold, the existing four-star hotel chain merged into Meridien, the international chain acquired from Air France last year. Crest Hotels will be phased out, becoming Post Houses or joining the Meridien chain. But Sir Rocco has yet to do these things on any scale.

In any case, the outcome of the battle is as likely to depend on the attitudes of other leisure companies, some bigger than either Granada or Forte. If the Fortes do, in the end, lose their empire, the irony could become complete. For if Forte's ill-fated Savoy stake is to be sold, who is more likely to want it than the Forte family, whose by-then "old money" would comfortably suffice.

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Commission encouraged by figures that pick out the front-runners

Britain expected to meet EMU conditions in 1999

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN is one of only four EU member states likely to meet the strict conditions for membership of monetary union at its planned launch in 1999, the European Commission said yesterday in a forecast that nevertheless lifted spirits in Brussels.

Only Germany, Britain, France and Luxembourg were expected, on present performance, to meet all the "convergence" criteria on debt and government borrowing, set out in the Maastricht treaty, the Commission calculated in its annual exercise in forecasting. However, Ireland is also expected to pass the test despite a high debt to GDP ratio because of its strong performance in reducing the gap.

Denmark may also benefit from a similar dispensation, Commission experts say. The Commission took heart from its new figures because, in 1995, only Germany and Luxembourg meet the debt and deficit goals which are the heart of the monetary test.

Britain, which has yet to decide whether to sign up for economic and monetary, can expect to register a public borrowing to GDP ratio of 2.8 per cent in 1997, the year which will be used as the entrance exam, the Commission said. The Maastricht limit is 3 per cent. On debt, which has been assigned a ceiling of 60 per cent of GDP, Britain should come in with 53.2 per cent, the Commission forecast. Germany, France and Luxembourg are the only other states likely to meet the target and Germany will just squeeze under the barrier with 59.3 per cent.

"The United Kingdom will unquestionably be one of the countries with a performance that will put it in the front of the field for monetary union," said Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs. Brussels, however, could say nothing about the political decision of whether Britain should join or not, he added.

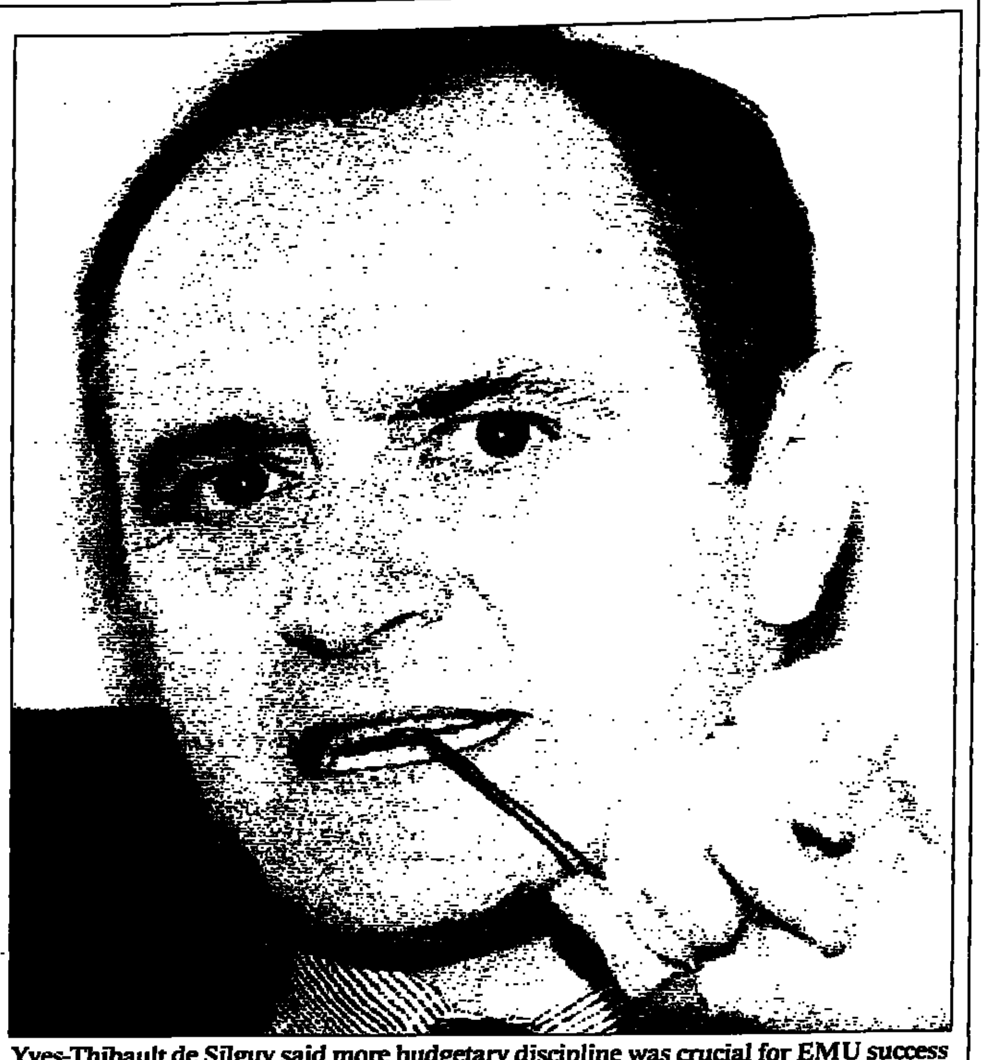
The UK was one of eight countries already meeting the inflation criteria and one of ten already passing the Maastricht test on long-term interest rates.

In Frankfurt yesterday, the European Monetary Institute, the embryo European central bank, said it had not yet drawn a conclusion on budget progress but it was disappointed with the fiscal behaviour of member states. M de Silguy said more budgetary discipline was crucial, not just for the success of EMU, but for the economic health of Europe.

The word "massage" could be heard from experts suspicious of the prediction for France, whose participation is deemed crucial for EMU to fly at its scheduled launch in 1999. M de Silguy said his department had been privy to advanced warning from the government of Alain Juppé on its plans announced last week for heavy cuts in social security spending. Factoring this into the equation, the Commission's experts forecast that France would meet the 3 per cent budget target, but only by 0.1 of a percentage point.

A total of seven states are projected to meet the budget test: Denmark, Germany, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden and Britain. While the Maastricht treaty allows exceptions to the rule for countries making a convincing effort, German anxiety over EMU in recent weeks has had the effect of carving the debt and deficit targets in stone.

The Commission reported that economic recovery from the 1992-93 recession had lost steam in the first six months of this year, slowing to below 2 per cent in the second quarter of 1995 after between 3.5 and 4 per cent in 1994. EU growth is now expected to register 2.6 per cent in 1996 and 2.9 per cent in 1997, M de Silguy said. GDP in Britain is expected to grow by 2.7 per cent in 1996 and 1997, the Commission said.



Yves-Thibault de Silguy said more budgetary discipline was crucial for EMU success

Virgin fined for Internet adverts

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

VIRGIN ATLANTIC has become the first airline to be punished by the US authorities for putting out misleading advertising on the Internet, the computer network, after it was found to be quoting several wrong fares.

The Department of Transportation has fined the airline $14,000 for failing to disclose the full cost of some flights and listing a fare that was no longer available. Although other airlines have been caught "doing similar things", a DoT official said, Virgin was found to be misquoting in two ways simultaneously.

In one, it had quoted a special discount fare of $499 but failed to change this when the fare was subsequently raised to $518. At the same time, it failed to add on tax of $38.91 to any of the fares advertised on its page.

Virgin said the cases came about by accident. Richard D'Ambrosio, a Virgin spokesman in the US, said: "After we put in the special excursion fare when it was available, we did not monitor our Internet entry properly when the offer ended and the fare went up. So it's a case of *mea culpa*."

Airlines have increasingly turned to the Internet's World Wide Web as a place to advertise fares and special offers, although companies such as Virgin do not yet offer a full booking service through the Internet. The US authorities have recently started monitoring airline advertising on the World Wide Web, which, until recently, had no controls comparable to the standards required in conventional advertising.

The DoT said that Virgin had co-operated fully and had immediately corrected the adverts on being notified of the mistakes. The company will be forgiven half the fine if it commits no further violations.

Maxwells didn't care tuppence, says QC

THE three accused in the Maxwell trial "didn't care tuppence about the pensioners' interests" when they pledged £22 million worth of shares as security for a loan.

"All they cared about was saving the Maxwell empire, their position and their jobs," claimed Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, on the second day of his final speech in the trial of Kevin Maxwell, 36, his brother, Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell financial adviser.

Among the spectators in the public gallery yesterday was Johnnie Cochran, the lawyer for OJ Simpson, the former American football star. He had coffee with Lord Justice Phillips during the mid-morning break.

Mr Suckling described as laughable Kevin Maxwell's evidence that he thought the shares in Teva, an Israeli company, belonged to the Robert Maxwell Group (RMG).

Kevin told the court that in his last meeting with his father before his death at sea, the tycoon told him the ownership of the shares had been transferred from Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM), which administered the pension funds, to RMG.

Mr Suckling alleged Kevin knew quite well the shares belonged to the pension fund and that he had put them at dishonest risk by pledging them as security for a loan in the days after his father's death.

By that time, he knew the group was in a perilous financial state and "that there was at least the prospect of default and the shares being swallowed up and never coming back again must have been obvious".

Mr Suckling reminded the jury that according to Kevin, when he gave evidence, 14 witnesses from the Maxwell Group and from banks had not been telling the truth.

"There is a story of a proud mother watching her son at a Scout troop meeting and turning to her neighbour and saying 'look at that, my son is the only one in step'."

Mr Suckling asked: "Is that the position here, or is the position you have not been told the truth by Kevin Maxwell? We suggest he has not told you the truth and that he knew, knew quite well, what he was doing and that it was dishonest."

Mr Suckling said that if the jury decided Kevin was not guilty of the charge relating to the Teva shares, it would probably, as a matter of common sense, not go on to consider verdicts against his brother and Mr Trachtenberg.

The three deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds by misusing the Teva shares and dishonestly putting them at risk. Kevin alone denies a charge of conspiring with his father to defraud the pension funds by misusing £100 million worth of Scitex shares.

The trial continues tomorrow.

FKI chief promises more acquisitions

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

JEFF WHALLEY, chairman of FKI, the engineering group, yesterday promised new acquisitions after annnouncing half-year profits up by 27 per cent, to £39.4 million, aided by a strong contribution from Amdura, a recent US purchase.

Mr Whalley said that FKI was in talks with a number of takeover candidates, although no announcement was imminent. A £136 million rights issue earlier this year has left FKI with an ungeared balance sheet and a strong net cash balance of £31 million.

Amdura, purchased for £40 million in April, exceeded expectations by contributing £5.6 million in profits.

Total turnover was up by 5 per cent, to £429 million, while the return on sales increased from 9 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

Three of the company's four divisions increased profits, with only the hardware division suffering a setback, caused by the weak housing market in North America. Hardware profits fell by 11 per cent, to £18.5 million.

The automative arm increased profits by 60 per cent, to £3.2 million, on a reduced turnover, and the engineering divison's profits grew by a third, to £5.5 million, helped by the 15 per cent of sales generated from new products. The material handling division, which includes Amdura, almost doubled profits to £14.7 million.

A 2.2p dividend, up by 10 per cent, is due on 5 Febuary. FKI shares rose 4.5p, to 159.5p.

Whalley: takeover talks

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Nuclear sell-off opposed

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of Britain's 40,000 nuclear workers told MPs yesterday they were firmly opposed to the privatisation of Britain's most modern atomic power stations.

In evidence to the cross-party Parliamentary Trade and Industry Select Committee, they said: "Motivation for this privatisation is entirely to do with the short-term release of funds for pre-election tax cuts and absolutely nothing to do with the long-term interests of the nuclear industry, the consumer or taxpayer."

The submissions, from the Electricity Supply Trade Union Council, also expressed concerns about the industry's long-term liabilities for decommissioning, and the impact on the industry's safety culture.

The Government's Health and Safety Executive, which has insisted on re-licensing each plant, said in its evidence the licensing process would force station operators to demonstrate that proper safety procedures were operating under the new management structure.

ASB begins moves towards outlawing abuse of provisions

BY ROBERT BRUCE

THE Accounting Standards Board has taken its first step towards outlawing abuse of accounting provisions in company accounts.

In a discussion paper issued today, the ASB proposes firm rules and fuller disclosure to curb the use of provisions that can allow a company to smooth or manage earnings.

Provisions are amounts set aside from profits to meet an expected liability such as re-organisation or environmental costs. But the definitions are often vague and the company has the ability to feed theoretically unused amounts back with minimum disclosure in future years' figures.

This, says the ASB, "gives companies the scope to manipulate the amount and timing of the provision and thereby to smooth earnings between one accounting period and another." It also means costs such as redundancies can be taken in earlier years than the actual payouts so subsequent years' figures will look better than they should.

In particular, the ASB has focused on what is known as "Big Bath Accounting" where an estimated amount covering several years' into the future, typically to cover re-organisation costs, is put through as one large immediate provision and appears in the accounts as an "exceptional item".

The practice is widespread and in recent years has been used by many companies such as Unilever, ICI, and Northern Foods. Sir David Tweedie, ASB chairman, said: "This is an important area of accounting where past practice has, in some celebrated cases, caused serious concern."

To combat the practice, the ASB proposes that whereas currently a company can make a provision if it can show an intention to incur the extra expenditure, the new rules would state that "provisions should be recognised only when the entity has an obligation to make expenditure such that it cannot realistically avoid the expenditure".

The discussion paper is open for comment until March next year but the ASB will be helped by a separate study of the problem, also to be published today, by standard setters in Australia, Canada and the US which comes to a similar conclusion.

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Faster ferries on order

A £130 million order for a fleet of six high-speed car ferries that will carry up to 800 passengers and their vehicles across the Channel in less than an hour was announced yesterday by Sea Containers.

The SuperSeaCats will replace twin-hulled SeaCats from the summer of 1997 on routes between Folkestone and Boulogne, Stranraer to Belfast and Liverpool to the Isle of Man.

They will not have bow doors. Cars will drive on and off through the stern door, completing a U-turn in the process.

Wagon rises

Wagon Industrial Holdings, engineering and automotive parts retailer, lifted pre-tax profits to £12.8 million from £9.6 million in the half year to September 30. Exports from UK subsidiaries moved ahead strongly to more more than £20 million. Turnover improved to £193.4 million from £163.85 million, with a £6.3 million contribution from acquisitions. Earnings rose from 12.63p to 16.97p a share. The interim dividend is increased to 7p a share from 6.65p. The shares fell 8p to 439p yesterday.

WHC grows

Westminster Health Care, the nursing home group, is expanding. It is paying £45.8 million for Peverel, the largest manager of private sheltered housing in the UK, through a joint venture with Holiday Retirement Corporation, the leading operator of retirement housing in north America.

Kewill up

Kewill Systems, the computer software and management consultancy, is lifting the interim dividend to 3p a share from 2.5p after an improvement in pre-tax profits to £2.6 million from £2.16 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings rose to 14.55p a share from 12.16p. The company had net cash balances of £4.6 million.

Record pre-tax

Sterling Industries, the hydraulic valves and thermal processing group, earned record pre-tax profits of £3.87 million in the six months to September 30, up from £3.37 million last time. Turnover was flat at £28.1 million (£28.2 million). The interim dividend is raised to 2.8p (2.5p), payable on February 9.

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2. there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers, any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf

DATED this 20th day of November 1995

ALAN DAVID LEWIS AND ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY
Joint Administrative Receivers

Pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") Euro Fire Security Limited (registered in England and Wales no. 2880206) ("the Company") hereby gives notice that the Company approved by a written resolution of shareholders passed on 17 November 1995 pursuant to section 173 of the Act a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by redemption: the amount of the permissible capital payment (as defined in section 171(3) of the Act) for the shares in question is £19,000,000; the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the Act are available for inspection by any member or creditor of the Company at the Company's registered office at Wistons Lane, Elland, West Yorkshire HX5 9DS during usual business hours on any weekday (saturdays excepted) up to and including 22 December 1995; and any creditor of the Company may at any time up to and including the said date apply to the High Court of Justice under section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment out of capital.

No 005575 of 1995
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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF UGLAND INTERNATIONAL plc
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated this 23rd day of November, 1995

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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES

On 8 November 1995 the above named companies were placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation and Michael David Gercke of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator

Creditors of the above named companies are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the companies to the liquidator at the above address.

Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.

Dated 15 November 1995
M D Gercke, Liquidator

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 4th December 1995 at 12.00 Noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

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DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Sisters of the Cross and Passion Trust Fund and Others
Scheme for the reconstruction of the body of trustees
Reference 277296

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at St Peter's Convent, 299 Boarshaw Road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 2PF, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to 2nd Floor, 20 Kings Parade, Queens Dock, Liverpool, L3 4DQ, quoting the reference above

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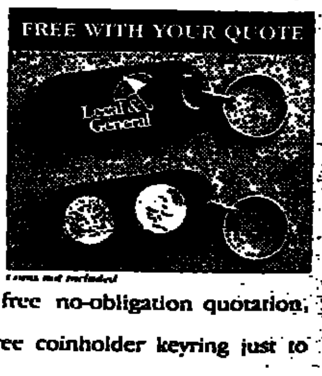

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ACCOUNTANCY

Cure for a charity nightmare

Adrian Randall on hopes of changes in the Budget to ease the burden of VAT legislation

Adrian Randall says irrecoverable VAT exceeds £350 million

Charities continue to suffer a VAT burden because in the main they are unable to recover much of the VAT they incur when they purchase goods and services. VAT has become a nightmare. Charities are involved in fundraising and similar activities which are outside the scope of VAT and the tax on the costs involved cannot be reclaimed.

The Charities' Tax Reform Group (CTRG) launched an initiative in July to make a special effort to press for a VAT compensation scheme to return money equivalent to the irrecoverable VAT that charities pay on their non-business activities.

The case has been strengthened considerably by two independent research projects which CTRG commissioned. London Economics, an independent consultancy, has produced an analysis that estimates the total amount of this irrecoverable VAT at more than £350 million a year, and it is growing. CTRG then asked MORI to monitor public attitudes towards charities and VAT, during which 2,000 people were interviewed. To the question on whether VAT should be refunded and the revenue raised elsewhere, 70 per cent agreed. Only 19 per cent felt charities should continue to pay VAT.

CTRG asked chief executives of the leading companies which support charities for their backing, particularly as much of their donations was effectively going in tax rather than on real services.

As purchasers and users of many charitable services, chief executives of health authorities and local authority directors of social services were also asked to back CTRG's campaign.

Irrecoverable VAT affects the capacity of larger charities to deliver the services for which they were set up and it has had therefore a considerable impact on the level of voluntary welfare provided. However, it is not just larger charities that are affected. The problem has spread across the whole of the sector.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations is supporting a somewhat similar VAT compensation scheme as part of the main plank of its budget submission and is urging the Chancellor to look sympathetically at the needs of charities. The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has also undertaken detailed work on this subject for its budget submission.

CAF believes that a new VAT compensation scheme should be established and there should be a relaxation of the appropriate *de minimis* limits for charities to help the smaller charities. In terms of the compensation scheme they believe it should be:

☐ Cash limited
☐ Paid annually in arrears
☐ Fixed at a maximum of £205 million in 1995.

They go on to say that the figure would then need to be adjusted annually as part of the regular public expenditure review. In its detailed report on the topic, CAF argued that changing the *de mininis* limits would remove the VAT problem for smaller charities. In their report they say: "It is suggested that a special *de minimis* limit should be introduced for charities and that the 50 per cent requirement should not apply. If the law was amended to provide that charities incurring VAT of, say £110,000, for exempt or non-business purposes, could treat themselves as fully taxable, it should compensate all but the largest 2,000 charities. The cost of this measure would be in the region of £80 million in 1995 terms."

However, there is an even greater threat on the horizon. This is VAT harmonisation. This will see the removal of all zero rates and is likely to mean a trebling of the irrecoverable VAT bill for charities. Thus the £350 million becomes a figure in excess of £1 billion. This move, postponed once from 1992 and now again, probably, from 1996-97, still leaves a spectre that haunts the charity sector.

A lot of work needs to be carried out to ensure that if zero rating is lost, then those purchases to which it applies for charities are covered by either the introduction of reduced rate bands, or the compensation scheme. Meanwhile, charities will be looking to the Chancellor to alleviate their problems in next Tuesday's budget.

Adrian Randall is Director, Charities Unit.

It's worse than a Whitehall farce

THE Budget may mean booze and fags to ordinary punters. For tax professionals it is a time to take stock of the tax system. This year things look bad. There are three reasons for this. Despite everyone arguing it should be made simpler, the process of bringing tax legislation into being is still ridiculously cumbersome. Secondly, there is a sheer lack of tax or financial expertise in the House of Commons. And thirdly, there is a relentless drive by politicians and the Revenue to stick to a now unworkable deadline for the introduction of a system of self-assessment.

Tax legislation is ferociously complex. It should be introduced carefully and with consultation. Instead it is revealed with an emphasis on theatrical effect and to claim political advantage. Even the traditionalists at Price Waterhouse say in their pre-Budget prognosis that the current Chancellor of the Exchequer has "acquired something of a reputation for announcing new measures first and only later thinking them through properly". To be fair to Kenneth Clarke, he is merely the latest in a long dynasty of Chancellors who have done the same. Even so, the actual announcements in the Budget speech are dwarfed by a myriad of other tax decisions which only become clear when couriers arrive shortly afterwards with piles of extra material from the Treasury, the Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise. It may be a financial journalist's dream to find dozens of unannounced nuggets in the detail but it is an initial nightmare and subsequent disaster for taxpayers. As a method of creating new legislation it is ridiculous. No one else would create the end product in isolation and then adapt and meddle with it once it is up and running.

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That leads on to the second point — the sheer lack of tax or financial skill in the House. Advisers may proliferate but few ministers or MPs have the nous or the instinct required to understand the ramifications. It is a bit like the Civil Service accounting systems. The average UK citizen, even in these post-deferential days, would not believe the level of naivety and sheer lack of expertise. A MORI poll, sponsored by Hays Accountancy Personnel, published this week showed that 70 per cent of the businessmen surveyed thought it important that Treasury officials had accounting expertise. But the report also showed that business assumptions of the Treasury fell short of the mark. "Only 17 per cent of leading Treasury civil servants are so qualified". When it comes to scrutiny of tax legislation within the House of Commons, the expertise is just as short. There are 651 MPs but only 14 accountants.

The problems are even more pronounced in the creation of Budget policy. You have to travel back to the last Labour administration to find the last time someone with accountancy expertise took part in the process. Joel, now Lord, Barnett even produced an excellent book based on his experiences as Financial Secretary to the Treasury. But now this sort of argument for accountants at the heart of the Budget process is seen as peripheral. The arrogance and ego of a pure politician bulldozes the need for skills, expertise and nous. Nowhere is this clearer than in the process of introducing self-assessment. What could have been a huge opportunity for making the system clearer has been ditched. Instead, a beleaguered Inland Revenue has been forced to stick to a timetable which is unrealistic while the politicians, who promised a simpler tax system to coincide with the introduction of self-assessment, have reversed that process. Ernst & Young has produced a devastating summary of the arguments entitled *Can We Stop the Countdown?* "The trouble is", says E&Y, "revenue priorities have been in descending order. Get the legislation in place; ensure it is avoidance proof; and then ask 'could it be made simpler?' We believe these priorities should have been reversed. Real consultation, allowing a free flow of ideas, exploring them and then obtaining a consensus of the best way forward, has not been evident in much of the process."

The report's conclusion begins: "A system in which the work equivalent to over 12,000 Civil Service jobs is to be transferred from the public sector to the community and spread among not just the nine million or so who receive tax returns regularly, but every employer in this country; in which no real attempt has been made to simplify the computation of tax; in which more and more penalties are awarded to the Revenue: and all this without any saving to the public purse".

This is not just a farce. It is a disgrace. But, it is in character and stems from lack of expertise at the centre. Tax legislation and policy tends to be powered by political bodgers.

Buzzacott pipped at post

BUZZACOTT, the prestigious City accountant, received a consolation prize this week. Although some of the work will come its way, it appears that it has narrowly missed out to the National Audit Office for the audit of the newly-incorporated KPMG Audit plc. But in the Charities' annual report and accounts awards this week, The Depaul Trust, one of its clients, won an award and two other clients made the shortlists.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gone fishing

THE Chartered Institute of Taxation is not known for getting things wrong. But the statement from Gerry Hart, its president, saying "let us hope that we do not have to worry about tax inspectors going on fishing expeditions", cannot be right. The more the tax men sit along the canal bank dangling their bait over recalcitrant chub and roach the better.

Greening of Gerry

FEW people think of Gerry Acher, the abrasive head of audit at KPMG, as a Friend of the Earth. But rumours are rife about his environmental leanings. Take, for example, his outburst over the Accounting Standards Board's new statement of principles. Acher's attack concentrated almost completely on its number of pages. Comments like "yet the chapter continues for another five pages ..." and "... this is the shortest chapter in the draft" have led people to believe that soon he will be issuing audit guidance on rainforest conservation. But fear not. The amount of paper used in the press releases urging fewer pages suggests that he is not entirely converted.

Steady on, boys

AS THE season of Christmas lunches starts to weave its way through the Square Mile, please spare a thought for the good upstanding folk at Price Waterhouse. Not only do they have the sobering thought of proposals on incorporation arriving with their Christmas cards from the senior partner but they also have the security gates at their London Bridge headquarters to contend with. After a festive lunch this could prove to be a little tricky. The instructions insist that they only function if staff walk "in a straight line" and "at normal speed".

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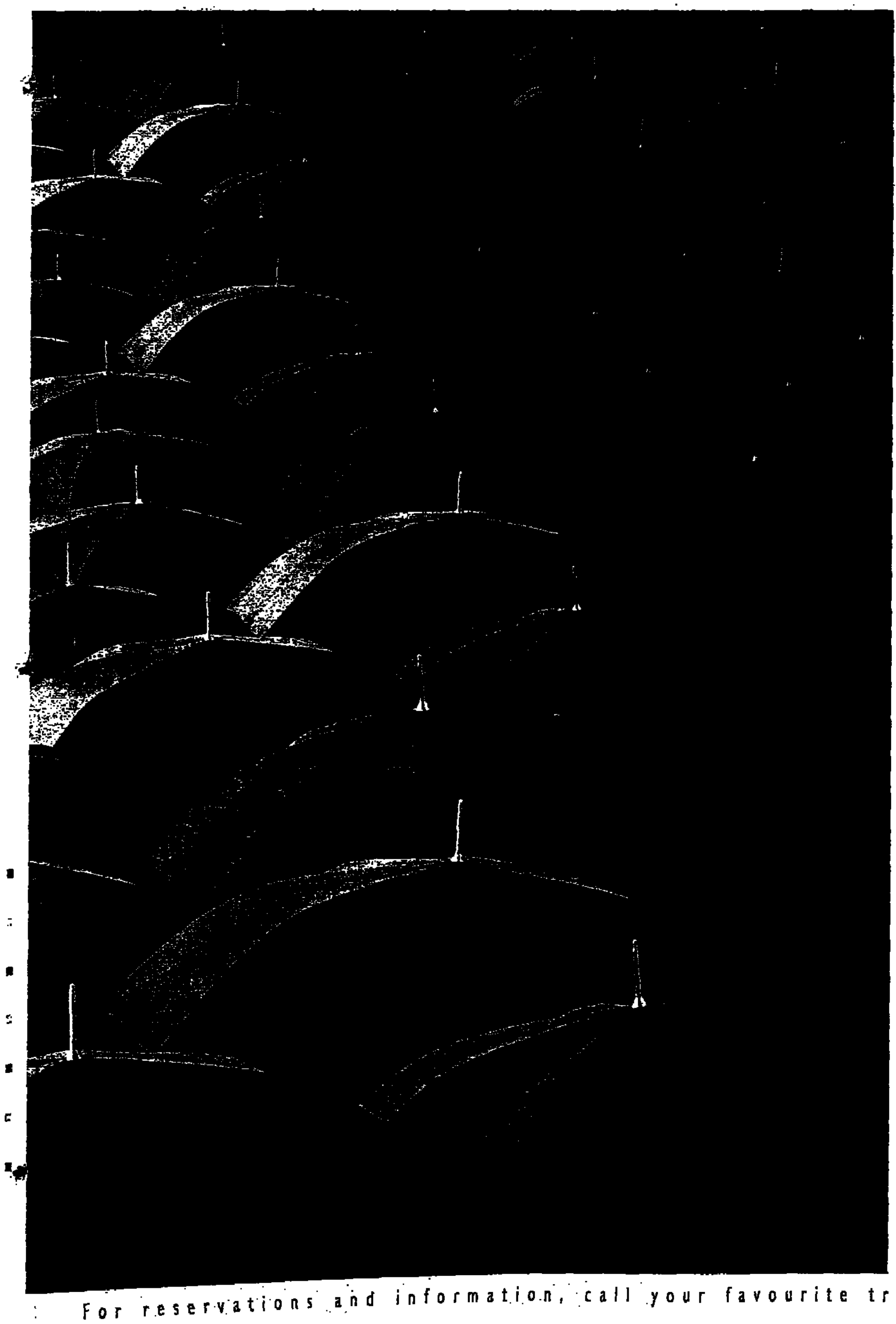

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Higher Inc Acc	766.80	815.80†	+ 5.70	4.10
Higher Inc Inc	427.00	454.30†	+ 3.20	4.10
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	203.50	215.00	+ 0.60	5.62
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.57	98.83	+ 0.25	5.62
Nth America	328.40	349.40†	− 2.80	..
Europe	316.00	336.20	− 0.40	0.77
Brit Excell	83.01	88.31†	+ 0.56	2.94
Brit Fednats Acc	111.40	118.60	+ 0.40	4.72
Brit Fednats Inc	78.02	83.01	+ 0.25	4.72
Global Opps	92.47	98.38†	− 0.29	0.30
Balanced Acc	59.80	63.82†	+ 0.23	2.88
Balanced Inc	57.21	60.87†	+ 0.21	2.88
Japan Acc	44.34	47.18	− 0.30	..
Pac Basin Acc	364.70	387.50†	+ 0.50	1.04

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	131.50	139.50	+ 0.30	7.17
High Inc Equity	175.70	187.90†	+ 0.30	4.19
Worldwide Bond	288.70	307.20†	− 0.40	4.56
Capital Growth				
American Growth	327.50	358.30	− 1.60	0.35
Asian Pacific	296.60	317.20	+ 2.70	..
Assets & Earnings	287.80	308.20†	− 0.10	2.79
Comdty & Energy	111.10	118.80		0.11
Euro Capital Inc	149.50	158.90	− 0.40	0.61
-do- Accum	160.50	171.60	− 0.40	0.60
General	261.60	278.30	+ 0.30	2.89
Japan	117.10	125.30	− 0.70	
Mastertrust	150.00	160.40		1.47
US Emerging Cos	168.80	180.60	− 1.60	
Ethical	73.24	77.91	+ 0.26	2.56
International	122.40	130.20	− 0.30	0.70
Dividend & Growth	66.13	70.35	+ 0.14	3.99
Global Gwth & Sec	70.07	74.82	− 0.05	2.83

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1960.00	2037.00	...	

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 580

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Growth	52.83	54.86†	...	0.56
Cash	50.50	50.50		5.79
Emerging Mkts	61.48	65.16		0.65
European	129.90	135.80		
Exempt	1012.50	1083.20†		1.72
Extra Income #	48.92	52.45		6.48
Far East Emg Eco	111.90	119.90		0.53
Fixed Interest #	23.05	24.19†		9.71
Fund Inv Tst	163.90	172.40†		9.03
Japan	177.30	185.80		..
Latin American	44.39	46.59		1.05
Pacific	75.72	80.17		0.33
Property Share	61.62	64.69		2.71
UK Emerging Cos	69.47	73.29		1.69
UK Growth	48.48	51.36†		2.38
Aber World Port #	76.82	78.37†		2.09
Ethical	71.44	74.98		2.35
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.96	50.96		7.37

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 549 3232

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Select Portfolio	93.87	99.87†	− 1.29	

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	92.52	98.80	+ 0.24	2.59
American Portfolio	108.93	115.63	+ 0.19	0.95
European Portfolio	109.69	117.10	− 0.24	0.49
High Income	51.42	51.54†	+ 0.15	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	64.84	68.77	− 0.43	
Pacific Portfolio	138.97	149.44	− 0.05	1.59
UK Inc & Growth	85.82	92.01	+ 0.58	3.04
Utility & Bond	57.49	58.17	+ 0.20	6.60

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0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fund	724.84	735.80	+ 13.38	4.32
Fxd Int Sec	157.38	159.02	+ 1.19	8.11

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	705.21	715.87	+ 6.65	4.46
Investment Acc	£31.05	£31.52	+ 29.37	
Fixed Int Inc	126.54	127.04	− 0.02	9.05
Fixed Int Acc	210.92	211.36	− 0.05	..

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	88.55	94.55†	...	3.16
Beck Bio-Tech	38.56	41.62	...	
Acorn Ethical Tst	160.80	169.85		0.73
City Fin Assets	74.77	78.52†		2.07
City Fin America	99.71	104.70		
City Fin Intl	84.81	89.06†		1.36
City Fin Japan	144.90	152.16		
Friars Hse Cap	288.40	308.94		2.39
Friars Hse Inc	193.30	209.32†	...	4.55
Buckley Wrld Gth	133.88	141.91		..
Falmont Cap Gth	139.15	146.47†		
Fairmount Intl	147.03	154.77†	...	..
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	57.23	60.10	...	1.98

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	53.75	57.03	+ 0.02	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	73.46	78.59	− 0.87	
Dragon Growth	64.92	69.43	+ 0.27	1.02
Equity High Inc	87.58	93.84	+ 0.15	4.07
-do- Accum	121.60	130.26	+ 0.20	4.07
Extra Income Inc	26.41	27.83	+ 0.02	7.44
Extra Income Acc	27.46	28.96	+ 0.02	7.44
European Gwth	56.99	60.63	− 0.14	1.17
Evergreen	28.03	29.97	+ 0.10	
General Equity	93.33	99.02	+ 0.72	2.99
Japan Growth	48.36	51.72	− 0.27	
Pedigree Gwth	56.01	60.16	+ 0.29	2.85
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.80	34.99†	+ 0.09	1.66
-do- Accum	34.64	36.85	+ 0.10	1.66
Retirement Inc #	26.96	28.68	+ 0.11	5.88
Special Sits	42.44	45.15	+ 0.22	2.21
UK & Overseas	53.31	56.71	+ 0.03	0.85

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 888 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital	74.69	77.68	+ 0.56	1.56
Balanced	65.10	67.71	+ 0.38	4.15

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	169.77	180.61†	+ 0.19	4.84
Fixed & Convertible	40.37	42.84†	+ 0.24	8.79
Monthly Inc Plus	49.03	52.16	+ 0.08	8.50
Preference Share	46.01	48.95†	+ 0.17	7.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	128.52	136.72†	+ 0.45	5.94
Managed Fund	72.32	76.94†	+ 0.12	3.06
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.47	45.18	+ 0.09	1.89
-do- Accum	49.44	52.60	+ 0.12	1.80
UK & General	87.55	93.14†	+ 0.43	2.74
-do- Accum	112.36	119.53†	+ 0.55	2.74

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 776611

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	70.62	75.28	− 0.56	
-do- Accum	70.62	75.28	− 0.58	...
Amer Smlr Cos	592.70	633.90	− 4.10	..
-do- Accum	605.50	647.60	− 4.20	..
Capital Tst	336.40	357.80	− 0.20	1.49
-do- Accum	488.50	519.50	− 0.30	1.49
Cont Smlr Cos	57.87	61.59	− 0.29	0.63
-do- Accum	61.07	64.99	− 0.32	0.63
Convertible	133.30	141.80	+ 0.50	4.95
-do- Accum	274.90	292.40	+ 1.00	4.95
Emerging Markets	61.64	66.08	+ 0.15	
-do- Accum	61.69	66.11	+ 0.13	..
European	127.10	134.70	− 0.60	0.37
-do- Accum	133.60	141.60	− 0.70	0.37
Extra Income	360.80	383.70	+ 0.80	3.67
-do- Accum	548.30	580.20	+ 1.30	3.67
Financial	144.50	155.10†		0.48
-do- Accum	153.00	164.10†	− 0.20	0.48
Gilt Trust	83.87	85.65†	+ 0.37	6.38
-do- Accum	93.76	95.67†	+ 0.53	6.38
Health Fund Inc	195.30	208.50†	− 1.90	..
-do- Accum	195.30	208.50†	− 1.90	..
Income & Growth	206.10	219.20†	+ 0.70	3.55
-do- Accum	322.10	342.60†	+ 1.10	3.55
Intl Growth	386.80	414.90†	− 3.60	..
-do- Accum	431.70	460.80†	− 3.90	..
Japan & Gen	173.30	184.80	− 1.40	
-do- Accum	175.10	186.70	− 1.40	
Monthly Inc	178.70	190.80†	+ 0.40	3.70
Managed Port Inc	112.10	118.00	..	2.02
-do- Accum	120.40	126.70	..	2.02
Dexterity Income	53.32	57.25†	+ 0.17	4.41
-do- Accum	59.12	63.47†	+ 0.18	4.41
Recovery	343.00	366.70	− 1.70	0.15
-do- Accum	404.90	432.90	− 2.00	0.15
UK Growth	59.45	63.49	+ 0.15	2.45
-do- Accum	63.00	67.29	+ 0.16	2.45

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP American	53.41	56.81†	+ 0.10	0.48
FP Am Smlr Cos	157.60	168.50	− 1.30	...
FP Asian Growth	247.80	265.00	+ 1.40	...
FP Australian	352.60	378.30	− 1.20	
FP Equity Dist	411.20	437.40†	+ 1.10	2.55
-do- Accum	892.30	949.70†	+ 2.40	2.55
FP Euro Gth	242.40	257.80	+ 0.10	0.18
-do- Accum	263.40	280.20	+ 0.10	0.18
FP Intl Bond	60.98	64.50	− 0.02	4.72
FP Intl Gth Dist	34.38	36.69†	+ 0.04	0.52
-do- Accum	50.21	53.58†	+ 0.04	0.52
FP Pac Basin Acc	198.70	212.30†	+ 0.30	..
FP Income	56.77	60.55	+ 0.14	4.56
-do- Accum	187.30	199.70	+ 0.50	4.56
FP Jap Smlr Cos	291.20	310.80	− 2.60	..
FP Monthly Dist	73.19	78.11†	+ 0.13	5.46
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†	...	6.25
FP Tokyo	77.75	82.93	− 0.85	..
FP UK Focus	38.23	41.10†	+ 0.27	2.64
FP UK Growth	184.60	196.90	+ 0.80	2.70
-do- Accum	362.50	386.60	+ 1.50	2.70
Stewardship Dist	368.50	392.00†	+ 0.60	1.94
-do- Accum	458.70	487.90†	+ 0.70	1.94
Stewdshp Inc Dist	74.33	79.07	+ 0.13	3.67
-do- Accum	98.99	105.30	+ 0.20	3.67
N Am Stshp Dist	113.20	120.40	− 0.40	0.99
-do- Accum	120.90	128.60	− 0.40	0.99
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	114.80	122.10†	− 0.60	1.05
Open Cap Gth Acc	118.30	125.80†	− 0.70	0.10
Cap Gth Inc Inc	110.90	117.90	− 0.60	2.19
Cap Gth Inc Acc	114.70	122.00	− 0.60	2.19
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	114.60	121.90	− 0.70	3.31
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	119.10	126.60	− 0.70	3.31

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0345 581 106/7

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	262.20	277.30†	+ 1.30	2.22
Cash	49.39	50.13†		5.31
Growth Portfolio	81.56	86.45	+ 0.27	0.95
Income Portfolio	66.18	69.96†	− 0.04	4.40

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
Dealers: 0171 956 7354

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.00	103.40		7.44
Gilt Yield	118.70	125.20	+ 0.30	6.78

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
01820 825087

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Fd #	1305.70	1416.30†		3.00
Income #	1025.80	1042.30		4.10

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	156.90	160.60		3.76

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
01244 680 666

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Ptflo	165.80	174.50	+ 0.17	2.17
-do- Accum	192.90	203.00	+ 0.17	2.17
UK Sel Ptflo	145.90	153.60	+ 0.46	2.52
-do- Accum	171.60	180.70	+ 0.46	2.52

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
01204 364 842

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	72.34	76.95†	...	3.70

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2928¼	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2862½	− 46¼	4.5	10.5
622½	413	Abbey Nat	621	+ 19½	3.9	12.4
367	250	Allied Irish	367	+ 3	3.9	10.7
281	198	Aus New Z	280	− 1	5.6	
4075	2531¼	Bank America†	3906¼	+ 18¼		
274	191½	Bank Scotland†	273	+ 6	2.8	12.1
612½	557½	Barclays	610	+ 17	3.5	11.0
477	288	Br of Ireland†	477	+ 5	3.6	9.6
525	418	Cater Allen	463	− 1	7.8	7.0
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4350	+ 68¼		
340½	216¼	Close Bros	318	− 2	3.4	14.4
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£148¾	− 28¼	3.7	
1375	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1159¾	− 9¾	0.5	
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3000	− 6¼	2.5	
881¼	575	Espirito Santo	575	− 34½	6.1	7.8
1611	1138¾	Fuji Bank Y	1268	− 23¼	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Natl	457		6.2	14.8
253	180	Hambros	203		4.7	
963	589	HSBC	953	+ 9	3.7	12.4
947	578	HSBC HK	936	+ 8	3.8	12.2
347	228	Irish Perm	347	+ 3	3.5	8.0
463	353	Joseph (L)	463		4.8	25.9
175	85	King Shaxson	175		9.8	8.9
871	530	Lloyds	871	+ 21½	3.9	13.3
562	479	Nat Aust Bk	562	− 1	7.1	
697	454	Nat West	632	+ 5½	4.1	10.7
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.6	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45		2.8	18.0
569½	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	549	− 3	3.3	13.2
1478	906½	Schroders	1300		1.4	18.6
1180	823¼	Schroders N/V	1088		1.6	15.6
110	81	Singer & Fried	109		4.2	11.3
572	346	Stand Chart	572	+ 20	2.0	14.4
415	217	TSB	415	+ 7	3.5	14.5
121	70	Union	111		3.4	
£145¼	9043¾	Wells Fargo	£136¾	+ 62½	2.2	
269¼	211	Westpac	262½	− 2	5.1	
295	200	Wintrust	288		4.9	16.6

BREWERIES

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
113¼	88¼	ABI Leis	99	− 1	5.7	
595	510	Adam & Harvey	510	− 20	4.9	6.6
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	88	Appleyard	91		8.2	9.8
4¼	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BCS Group	569	− 4	4.3	16.4
48	28	Bans	33			
24½	15½	Bearing Power	16½		7.6	8.1
28	19	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	9.3
493	345	Bremner	441	− 3	3.8	17.0
21	10¾	Bridgend Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Brit Fittings†	84		4.8	12.7
270	215	Caffyns	253		5.7	18.0
88	54	Central Mtr	66		5.2	17.9
60	38	Cook (DC)	55		3.4	8.1
320½	230	Cowie	294	− 2½	4.0	12.7
155	125	Dag Motors	128		7.0	10.6
598	508	Denmans El	508		7.9	11.2
501	408	Diploma	447	− 5	4.1	
333	236	Electrocomponts†	324	− 1	2.3	22.0
247	153	Eurodc Elec	232	− 1	2.3	16.0
235	64	Eurodollar	69		14.8	4.0
120	87	European Mtr	95		6.6	8.2
449	290	Evans Halshaw	292		6.6	9.0
696	512	Farnell Electr	687		1.8	19.8
72	48	File Indexing	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	19		5.4	8.4
30	16	Glenchewton	28	− 1	1.3	
108	61	Gowrings	85		3.3	14.1
185	148	Harr. (Philip)	184		4.8	12.8
201	142	Headlam†	195		2.7	17.1
564	258	Henlys	510	− 1	2.5	19.8
137	81	Holders Tech	134		5.6	25.5
163	88	IGA Intl	155		1.3	17.0
430	254	Inchcape†	256½	− 12½	7.3	23.2
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	185		3.1	15.8
358¼	264½	Lex Service	305	− 3	5.9	16.2
195	146	Lookers	149		6.4	8.2
22	9	Motors Grp	11½		5.2	15.5
9¼	5	Middlesex	8¼		0.7	20.1
71	36	Mulstaing	37	− 2		5.2
503	330	Norbain	485		1.3	16.7
268	78	Northamber	243		0.9	19.5
156	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	272		3.9	14.2
166	123	Perry Gp†	156	− 2	6.1	11.8
140	126	Quicks Group	140	+ 4	5.1	11.9
198	160	REA	195		2.6	23.2
3½	2¼	Reece	3¼			

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OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158	112	Brown Dolphin	153		4.9	15.9
686	625	Caledonia	686	+ 2	3.1	20.7
2400	1900	Camellia	2000		2.3	18.4
22½	13	Carlisle	16½		1.9	17.3
208	142	Cattles	207		3.7	18.3
35	16	Christie	24			
17	13½	EFG	16½	+ 1	3.8	3.3
89	61	EFT Group	87		2.6	15.7
775	683	EFM	683	− 5	4.4	16.0
186	128	Exco	141		5.3	7.2
305	161	Gartmore	288		2.4	24.8
379	228	Govett	241		7.7	3.8
1272	963	Henderson Ad	1233		4.6	24.9
263	162½	Invesco	262		2.3	18.0
49	42	Investment Co	42½		6.9	
233	198	Ivory Sime	229		4.1	17.0
248¼	164½	Jardine Strat	169	+ 1¼	5.5	5.5
144	85	Johnson Fry†	133		3.8	9.3
213	131	Lon Factoring	213		5.6	15.2
165	118	Lon Scot Bk	165		3.3	19.2
182	153	Man ED & F	171		7.0	7.9
1353	953	M & G	1263	− 2	3.1	22.1
346	274	MAI	343	− 1	3.2	17.0
130½	78	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	130½	+ 1	5.8	
956	680	MAM†	864	− 1	4.0	19.0
130	90	Mal Home Loan	94			3.3
1775	1150	Perpetual	1663		3.1	
818	515	Provident	807	− 1	3.9	17.7
330	245	Rathbone Brs	313		3.8	16.1
41½	24½	Rutland Tst	41		4.0	17.9
365	281	S & U	302		5.4	8.8
133	105	SJP Capital	115		3.3	
525¼	305¼	Smith Pacific	462½	+ 1¼	2.6	18.3
78	42	Towry Law	47		6.6	
371	302	Transatlantic	344		5.1	23.1
26	9	Tno Hldgs	10		1.2	16.4
26	19	Western Selectn	22		1.4	

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
269¼	195¾	Frost Group	218		3.7	18.0
79	46	Gieves	79		3.2	17.9
207	112	Goldsmiths Gp†	207	+ 5	2.1	18.8
640	508	GUS†	585	− 1	3.2	15.9
334	178	Hamleys	334	+ 2	2.9	14.9
73	25	Hampden Grp†	72	+ 1	2.6	13.9
175	125	Hse of Fraser†	151	+ 1	4.6	19.5
83	57	Hughes (TJ)†	59		5.6	13.0
168	95	Innovations	147		1.3	74.4
514	229	JJB Sports†	506	+ 5	1.5	23.6
526	379	Kingfisher†	519	+ 7	3.7	17.3
151	100	Kingsbury Grp	151	+ 6	2.0	21.3
365	208	Liberty	323		2.8	30.1
306	184	Lloyds Chem†	251	− 1	5.1	9.4
165	108	MFI	157	− 2	3.4	20.6
451	371	Marks Spencer†	447	+ 6	2.9	19.3
645	500	Menzies (John)	629		2.6	14.1
580	338	Moss Bros	579		3.0	16.9
444	252	Next	438	+ ½	2.9	24.0
54	27	OEM	46	+ 3		
96	34	Oliver (G)	44		2.8	49.0
348	243	Owners Intl	348		4.1	13.6
93	70	Partridge Fine	71		5.8	9.8
156	80	QS Hldgs†	80		10.8	15.7
17	5¼	Rhino Grp▲	17	+ 2		
193	113	Rosebys	192		3.2	22.2
120½	95½	Sears†	100	− 1	4.9	15.9
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326	209	Storehouse	322	− 1	2.4	21.6
140	112	Stylo	120	− 1	4.9	10.3
203	143	T & S Stores†	183	− 1	4.6	11.6
164	98	Tie Rack	162½		2.1	17.0
4½	1	Upton & South	2¾			
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35	14	WEW Group†	18		4.9	
67	35	Wld of Leather	53		3.5	64.1
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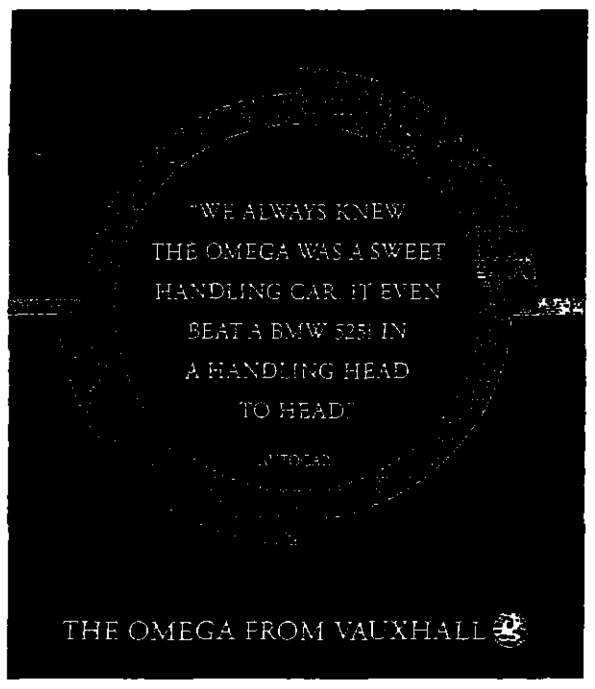
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Conv 10% 1996	9.56	6.27
Treas 7% 1997	6.94	6.39
Treas 13¼% 1997	12.31	6.27
Exch 10½% 1997	10.02	6.33
Treas 8¾% 1997	8.43	6.44
Exch 15% 1997	13.03	6.48
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.16	6.57
Treas 7¼% 1998	7.16	6.64
Treas 6¾% 1995-98	6.75	6.74
Treas 14% 1998-01	12.03	6.74
Treas 15½% 1998	12.68	6.76
Exch 12% 1998	10.56	6.82
Treas 9½% 1999	8.85	6.83
Exch 12¼% 1999	10.59	6.92
Treas 10½% 1999	9.47	6.93
Treas 6% 1999	6.20	6.95
Conv 10¼% 1999	9.24	7.04

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gross red yld
Conv 9% 2000	8.42	7.06
Treas 8% 2000	7.71	7.08
Treas 13% 2000	10.59	7.13
Treas 10% 2001	8.95	7.24
Treas 7% 2001	7.10	7.28
Treas 9¾% 2002	8.71	7.44
Treas 8% 2003	7.79	7.51
Treas 10% 2003	8.78	7.55
Treas 11½% 2001-04	9.76	7.37
Fund 3½% 1999-04	4.31	6.37
Conv 9½% 2004	8.52	7.68
Treas 6¾% 2004	7.18	7.69
Treas 8½% 2005	8.06	7.70
Conv 9½% 2005	8.51	7.73
Treas 12½% 2003-05	9.73	7.66
Treas 7½% 2006	7.62	7.71
Treas 7¾% 2006	7.77	7.78
Treas 8% 2002-06	7.85	7.74
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	9.60	7.61
Treas 8½% 2007	8.08	7.80
Treas 13½% 2004-08	9.97	7.67
Treas 9% 2008	8.23	7.83
Treas 8% 2009	7.90	7.86

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gross red yld
Treas 6¼% 2010	7.30	7.90
Conv 9% 2011	8.20	7.90
Treas 9% 2012	8.18	7.90
Treas 5½% 2008-12	6.85	7.59
Treas 8% 2013	7.92	7.89
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	7.88	7.90
Treas 8% 2015	7.90	7.87
Treas 8¾% 2017	8.06	7.91
Exch 12% 2013-17	8.66	7.96

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Treas IL 2% 1996	.	2.18
Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	1.58	2.78
Treas IL 2½% 2001	2.89	3.40
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.07	3.47
Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	3.11	3.47
Treas IL 2% 2006	3.21	3.49
Treas IL 2½% 2009	3.29	3.52
Treas IL 2½% 2011	3.32	3.53
Treas IL 2½% 2013	3.36	3.55
Treas IL 2½% 2016	3.41	3.59
Treas IL 2½% 2020	3.48	3.62
Treas IL 2½% 2024	3.46	3.60
Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	3.47	3.61

Some organisations are not receiving as many donations as they need. **Pat Blair** reports on the threats to their bank balances

Collecting tins rattle on empty

Tenovus is fighting back. In March, the cancer charity shot into the headlines when it announced that it was abandoning its lottery scratchcard in the face of competition from the National Lottery, and in particular the scratchcards.

Until then, Tenovus scratchcards had contributed £1.5 million a year to cancer research. In the first five months of the National Lottery, however, Tenovus was losing 5 per cent of sales every month. By March, it was in danger of making a loss.

Last month, Tenovus re-entered the scratchcard ring with new outlets in In-Shops shopping centres, and it is planning to expand its outlets. But the charity has had to think again about its entire fundraising strategy.

Marc Phillips, chief executive of Tenovus, says: "Our supporters have been tremendous in redoubling their efforts and we've doubled the number of our charity shops." Another opened this month, bringing the total to 32, and it is looking at least another dozen sites across Britain.

There is no doubt that Tenovus benefited from the blaze of publicity its protest brought. "That type of exposure has not filled the immediate financial gap, but has probably made us much better-known," Mr Phillips says. "We still have a long way to go to claw back the money, but we're feeling very confident at the moment."

The Christmas card business is now worth £350m a year

It won no Government compensation, but Mr Phillips believes it helped with an important argument with the National Lotteries Charities Board: having initially been excluded, from next spring medical research will be allowed to compete for funds.

"A lot of medical research charities have contributed to that debate, but it's probably Tenovus that led it," Mr Phillips says.

Tenovus was possibly unique in the scale of its operations affected by the scratchcards, and the impact of the lottery may have been greatest on the small voluntary organisations.

But while it is easy to think of charities as being those with social or educational concerns, charitable organisations do include such groups as the Royal Opera House, the National Trust and the Victoria and Albert museum and many sports associations.

"If one looks at the wider picture," Neil Jones, head of information at the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), says, "then charities have generally received an awful lot of money back from the lottery. Much of the arts distribution has gone to charities, the majority of the sports distribution has and the National Heritage distributions have, too — to bodies such as the National Trust."

A database developed by the Institute of Fund Raising Managers in conjunction with the Centre for Inter-Firm Comparison has allowed the CAF to study the impact of the lottery on actual levels of income of 63 of the United Kingdom's largest charities before, during and after the lottery.

Santa and his "pony" opened the 4C charity Christmas card shop in Piccadilly, London. It stocks 500 designs from 80 charities

Mr Jones says: "The latest figures for the quarter to June show that quarter on quarter, actual income in the area of lotteries run by these charities increased by 71 per cent." However, he says that legacies are of greater long-term concern than the lottery. People are living longer and having to contribute more to their social and nursing care. That is leading to legacies of smaller value being left to charities. "It is potentially a much bigger issue. Something like 47 per cent of total voluntary income still comes from legacies."

That people may be prepared to lend money to charities but be able to have access to the capital should they need it, is an idea behind the Social Investment Fund set up this month by the CAF. From a pool of capital, it will lend money to individual charities.

Malcolm Hayday, CAF director of loans services, says: "There's an opportunity to provide long-term low-interest funding to help the charity sector to keep its asset base in good shape."

Medical research groups will soon compete for funds

Capital is being sought from corporate and individual donors who will forgo interest but after a minimum of six months, say, can get the capital back, roll it over, or ultimately donate it.

A pilot group of its member charities has seeded the lending-pool project with £500,000, and it is talking to existing donors to put in £1.5 million. During the next year it will build on that and fund some projects, so that when it seeks donations from a wider public it will be able to demonstrate how the scheme works.

At this time of year, of course, the fundraising focus shifts to Christmas cards, a business estimated by the Economist Intelligence Unit to be worth £350 million.

Charities participate through "own-brand" cards, produced, marketed and sold by the charities themselves and estimated by Mintel, the market researchers, to have a turnover of £41 million. There are also "royalty cards", where charities get a percentage of cards sold in normal retail outlets.

This Christmas will be the first since a new law came into force that royalty card packs have to show clearly just how much of the money actually goes to the charity concerned — although W. H. Smith, which was possibly the first to sell such royalty cards, has been doing that for several years.

According to 4C (the Charity Christmas Card Council), which has 102 member charities, profit margins for own-brand cards are between 40 and 60 per cent, the rest being taken up with design, distribution and retailing. For some of the smaller charities, says Neville Bass, chief executive of 4C, "it can be an important source of income".

With royalty cards, while the risks are less, profit margins can be considerably less. Nigel Griffiths, MP, Labour's Shadow consumer minister, revealed earlier this month the results of a survey that showed some royalty cards paid as little as 3p in the £1 to the charity, although others may pay 17p. He called for a code of conduct and for publishers to boost the amount that charities actually receive.

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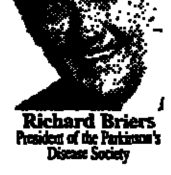
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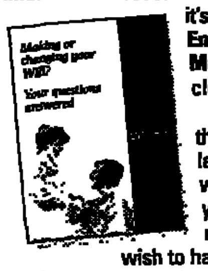

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He should have been pensioned off decades ago, yet Bond is more entertaining than ever in *Goldeneye*

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China's master director Zhang Yimou plays subtly with the gangster genre in *Shanghai Triad*

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. . . while in the heroin-soaked *Basketball Diaries* Leonardo DiCaprio excels as the raddled hero

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** hails the rehabilitation of a national hero in *Goldeneye*, Pierce Brosnan's first crack at 007

Bond comes in from the cold

Few people could dive through the air and land in the cockpit of a tumbling plane just in time to yank the controls back to the horizontal. James Bond can. Few men would risk life, limb and feminist wrath by hurtling along mountain roads pursuing a red sports car with lady to match. James Bond does. Everything he does, or says, is impossible, outmoded, or an affront to civilisation. This man should be a museum exhibit, labelled perhaps with the words used in the new film by M to describe British Intelligence's most famous agent: sexist, misogynist, dinosaur.

But a miracle happens in **Goldeneye**, the first to feature Pierce Brosnan as Ian Fleming's agent 007: the museum exhibit smashes out of his case. Other action heroes may have sprung up while the Bond series nosedived in the 1980s with dull Timothy Dalton and then disappeared into legal wrangles; but, as Bond gets to work in his tailored clothing, you feel Schwarzenegger and Stallone shrivelling. Camp fun has returned to action movies.

Brosnan himself, long eyed as an ideal Bond, is the magic ingredient. Handsome enough to delight susceptible parties of either sex, he also boasts a sardonic twinkle, crucial for handling the script's self-mockery. He looks bizarre as he drives a tank in his bow-tied splendour, flattening all comers in St Petersburg's streets. But he shrugs it off with a devil-may-care smile, and never appears awkward, like Dalton, or foolish, like Roger Moore. He is undoubtedly the best Bond since Sean Connery.

Knowing the series has lost ground to recover, the film, directed by Martin Campbell, bombards us with action. Even before we reach the opening credits, Bond has performed bungee jumping, aerial acrobatics, and watched havoc descend on a Soviet nerve-gas plant. Indeed, so much activity is crammed into the first hour that Campbell has no more cards to play in the second. As the plot elongates, it thins; and by the time the battle for control of an extra-terrestrial weapon switches from Europe to the Caribbean, you can hear the film pant from exhaustion.

Goldeneye
Odeon Leicester Square
12, 130 mins
Jolly good fun with James Bond

Shanghai Triad
Curzon West End
15, 108 mins
Opulent gangster drama from Zhang Yimou

The Scarlet Letter
Odeon West End
15, 135 mins
Foolish adaptation of Hawthorne's classic

The Basketball Diaries
MGM Trocadero
18, 97 mins
Unedifying descent into heroin's hell

L'Avventura
Screen on the Hill
PG, 145 mins
Antonioni's beautiful enigma

Carlota Joaquina — Princess of Brazil
Barbican Cinema
15, 101 mins
Eccentric romp into 18th-century history

You also hear Alan Cumming over-acting abominably as a Russian computer geek, gleefully downloading turmoil. By exploiting technology and the political quagmire of communism's old empire, the plot tries hard to be up-to-date; yet the film is most memorable when old bits of Bondage surface. Desmond Llewellyn's Q returns for a droll demonstration of the latest in secret service gadgets; Judi Dench, the first female M, wraps her tart tongue around a couple of neat scenes. And the two Bond girls — one good, one bad, played by Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen — purvey the badinage with flair.

As an action blockbuster, *Goldeneye* — the title comes from the name of Ian Fleming's Jamaican holiday home — shares some of its rivals' vices. It is too long and too repetitive. But not many can boast its light touch or nose for character. Sexist dinosaur or not, you feel like echoing the words of Alec McCowen's Q as he greeted Connery in *Never Say Never Again*: "Glad to see you again, Mr Bond. Let's get back to some gratuitous sex and violence."

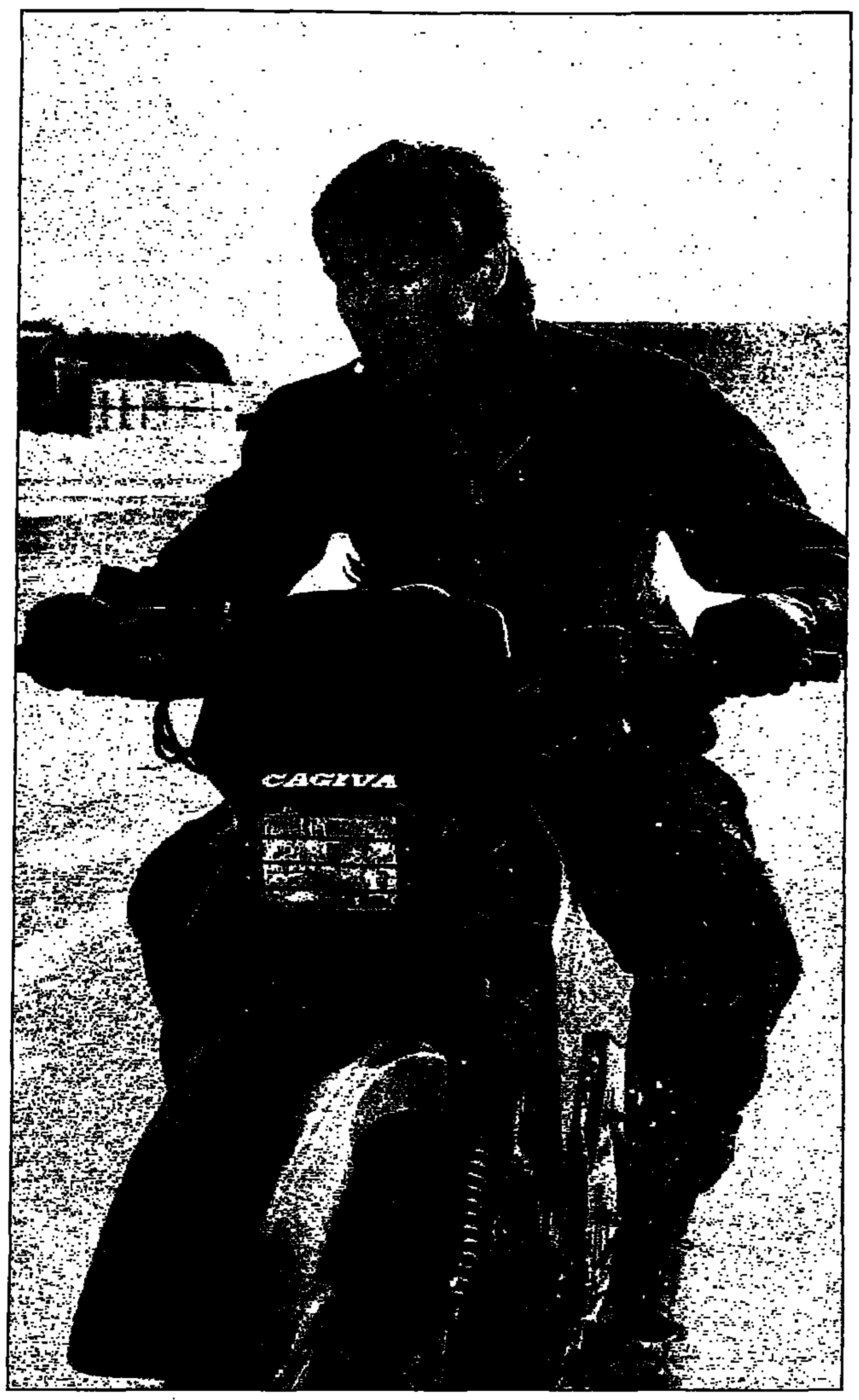
Shanghai Triad features gang warfare and a former prostitute lolling in luxury in 1930s Shanghai: a cue, you would think, for some more gratuitous sex and violence. But China's master director Zhang Yimou chooses to suggest. A massacre erupts in shadow. We peer through door cracks, sharing the experiences of Shuisheng, an awestruck country kid who tends the Triad boss's mistress Bijou, played by Gong Li. She fancies herself a singer, and struts at a cabaret swathed in red feathers and tiara. "What a dame!" someone comments.

In this sumptuous film, co-produced with France, the director plays stylish games with the gangster genre. After the quieter, realistic images of *To Live* and *The Story of Qui Ju*, Zhang opens his paintbox again. The screen is drenched in reds and golds. The camera prowls along corridors and stairways, seeking luscious images to frame. Gong Li's heroine is just as trapped as her predecessors in *Raise the Red Lantern* or *Ju Dou*: a rich man's plaything, a disposable object to be used as bait.

Bijou and her boy attendant symbolise innocence trapped in a cruel, devious world; but Zhang piles on so much decoration that we never feel their emotional plight quite as we should until the boss and his entourage flee for safety to a remote island. Here studio artifice is replaced by the beauty of long grass blowing in the wind, although Zhang keeps a visual trick up his sleeve for the powerful finale.

Zhang's full-blooded style makes enthralling cinema, as always. And yet something is troubling about *Shanghai Triad*. Its moral is obvious, and clearly aimed at a China newly tempted by material goods. Wealth and greed are bad, Zhang preaches; loving ties and rural simplicity are good. Commendable sentiments, maybe; though when you recall Zhang's need to placate the authorities — they disrupted production in partial punishment for his last film, *To Live* — their sheer convenience nags the mind.

The smothering opulence, the Dolby stereo coating, also jars. Zhang is too good a filmmaker to lose his way appeasing market forces.



"Brosnan, long eyed as an ideal Bond, is the magic ingredient" that makes *Goldeneye* a treat

"The young lady was tall," Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote, "with a figure of perfect elegance on a large scale." This does not quite capture Demi Moore; but then **The Scarlet Letter**, which opened last week, does not quite capture Hawthorne's novel. Into this tale of love and intolerance in 17th-century New England, Roland Joffé's film — dull rather than bad — weaves politically correct sentiments, tasteful nudity and a ridiculous happy ending. No wonder it is billed as a free adaptation.

The film-makers do not know which way to face. They want to be historically sensitive: so in come the Native Americans, the white man's guilt, and a script packed with thees and thous. They want to be relevant: so Moore's Hester Prynne is overtly portrayed as a feminist martyr. They also want to pull in the crowds: so Moore and Gary Oldman, the pastor who secretly fathers her child, show off their bodies in scenery suggesting Hallmark greeting cards. Students of American literature may be amused, but there is little to attract a wider audience.

The Basketball Diaries is no crowd-puller, either. The young like to suffer for their art, so we must forgive Leonardo DiCaprio's performance in this unedifying adaptation of Jim Carroll's heroin-soaked autobiography of the 1960s. Want to see a face growing ever-pinched, the eyes hollowing, the lips turning purple? DiCaprio is eager to show you his as his character prowls Manhattan, scoring, whoring and writing poetic thoughts in a notebook.

It takes considerable craft to bring off this role without rolling the eyes and foaming. DiCaprio, universally voted the Young American Actor Most Likely to Succeed, avoids melodramatic tricks, but never gives us enough reason for suffering with him. Nor does the director, Scott Kilvert: fidgety pop video camerawork is no way to refresh stale material.

Passing swiftly over Edgar Wright's *A Fistful of Fingers* (at the Prince Charles cinema), an excessively juvenile Western spoof filmed in Somerset for £10,000, we arrive at **L'Avventura**. Older readers may have been here before, in 1961, when Antonioni's forlorn but beautiful film first came to Britain. For younger ones, this may be their first chance to see Monica Vitti and her socialite friends pondering the mysteries of love and marriage on rocks, in hotels and trains.

As in *Blowup*, a mystery lies at the centre: Vitti's friend Anna disappears during a yacht cruise off Sicily. But Antonioni does not play Sherlock Holmes. Instead he unravels the lives of those who remain. Few directors then or since have juxtaposed architecture, landscapes and human figures with such elegance. But this is no arid intellectual exercise: Vitti, long, blonde and sensuous, alone sees to that. Time lends a fascination to the fashions, too: such hideous bathing caps, such riotous polka dots. A most welcome revival.

Antonioni's costumes cannot compare with the clothing in **Carlota Joaquina — Princess of Brazil**, a zany romp about the sordid royals from the Spanish peninsula who set up shop in 18th-century Brazil. It scores high marks for preposterousness, but little else. The gauche director is Carla Camurati, a Brazilian actress.

CABARET

Dutch at the double

THE show is sub-titled "A Mixed Bag", an apt description for an hallucinogenic evening that veers manically from kitsch to melancholia, broad comedy to Kurt Weill at his most cynical. Fortunately, the extrovert Issy Van Randwyck — late of Fascinating Aida and the National's production of *A Little Night Music* — possesses the sort of outsize personality that can handle most of the changes in mood.

With her statuesque looks and her radically unconventional repertoire, she bears a passing resemblance to the lugubrious chanteuse Ute Lemper. But this is Lemper running amok on Prozac, a mischievous good-time girl with a satirical edge and a penchant for sophisticated cabaret songs that rarely receive an airing.

Issy Van Randwyck
Pizza on the Park

Born to Dutch parents (as proof, she performs a brief clog dance) she appears to have done all the usual Sloane-style dabbling before landing in the transvestite revues at Madame Jo Jo's night spot in Soho. Larry Adler later helped her find a niche in Fascinating Aida. Adler was on hand again at this show for a brief guest appearance, including a duet on *The Man I Love*.

Although Van Randwyck's voice is brittle, her skills as an actress bring added conviction to such introspective numbers as *Love For Sale*. She also has a first-rate accompanist in Martin Lowe, whose seamless piano arrangements went a long way to camouflaging the occasionally abrupt mood shifts.

CLIVE DAVIS

On form, off form and no form at all

JAZZ

SINCE their formation in 1966, the **Art Ensemble of Chicago** have been tireless evangelists, preaching the gospel of what they refer to as Great Black Music, Ancient to Modern. To the faithful, they are especially valuable as confident navigators of all the various tributaries — from spirituals to funk, blues to soul, traditional jazz to free form — that feed into the mighty torrent, jazz.

Even the Art Ensemble's fiercest advocates, however, would have found little to savour in this performance at the London International Jazz Festival. Usually, they allow their multifaceted, celebratory music to emerge naturally from a controlled chaos of sounds. Here, though, they allowed such a passage to outstay its welcome. By the time they got into their typically fractured, irreverent swing, it was too late: minds were irreversibly numbed.

In contrast, a collaboration between composer/saxophonist **Barbara Thompson**, the **Medici String Quartet** and the **BBC Singers** exploring the music of Kurt Weill and the poetry of the late jazz lover Philip Larkin proved genuinely uplifting.

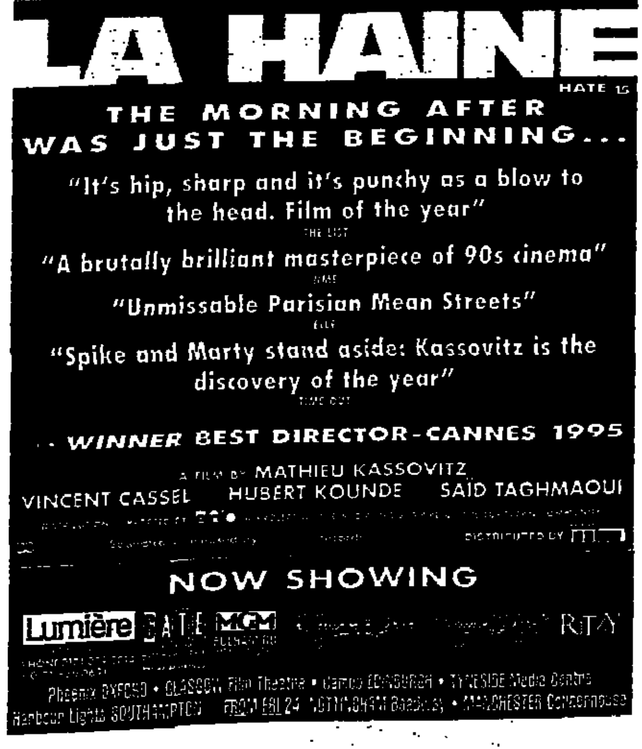
Thompson has a round, pure tone on all the saxophones, particularly well suited to blending with strings, and the arrangements of Weill material, from Geoffrey Burgon's suitably melancholic *Surabaya Johnny*, to the stunningly adventurous version of Mike Westbrook's *September Song*, were wonderfully rich.

The Larkin project, *Love Songs in Age*, composed and arranged by Thompson herself, was more of a mixed bag. The title-piece received an appropriately reflective treatment, but a composition inspired by the poem *For Sidney Bechet* was over-ambitious in its attempt simultaneously to convey both Larkin's love for the great reedsman and the poet's almost pathological distrust of modernism. Overall, though, Thompson handled the considerable forces at her disposal with great aplomb.

Aplomb, occasionally shading into downright self-satisfaction, was not in short supply when **Rite of Strings** — guitarist Al Di Meola, violinist Jean-Luc Ponty and bassist Stanley Clarke — took the stage on the festival's penultimate night. To wild adulation from an audience determined to applaud every bravura flourish — and there were plenty — they raced through a selection of pieces from their eponymous new album. Impeccably played, the trio's music was, finally, strangely impersonal, their sound — painfully over-amplified — cluttered and fussy.

Over-amplification was even more of a problem for the festival's closing attraction, American saxophonist **Wayne Shorter**. The material from his new album, *High Life*, which depends for its effect on delicate shifts of instrumental colour and rich harmonies, was not best served by this live performance. All subtlety was sacrificed to ear-splitting volume. Instead of leaving festival-goers on a glorious high, this concert merely left them with ringing ears.

CHRIS PARKER



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■ CHOICE 1

Andrew Davis conducts an all-English Royal Concert

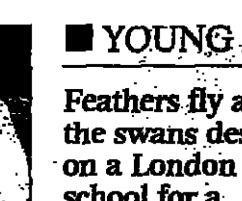
VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall

■ CHOICE 2

Food on the canvas: culinary painting goes on show in London

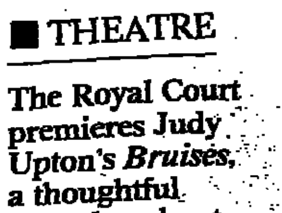
VENUE: Llewellyn Alexander, London SE1

THE TIMES ARTS



■ YOUNG ARTS

Feathers fly as the swans descend on a London girls school for a rigorous lesson in modern movement



■ THEATRE

The Royal Court premieres Judy Upton's *Bruises*, a thoughtful new play about domestic violence

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ST CECILIA FUNDRAISER: The Musicians' Benevolent Fund's Festival of St Cecilia culminates in tonight's *Royal Concert*. Conductor Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony are joined by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, for a programme of English music ranging from Purcell to Walton, Elgar and Britten, and a premiere from Nicholas Maw. Meanwhile, Christina Ortiz appears in the Queen Elizabeth Hall as part of the South Bank's *International Piano Series*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). RFH, 7.30; QEH, 7.45pm. 🅂

THE MODERN HUSBAND: Opening night for Paul Godfrey's reworking of Fielding's marital satire, described as "a comedy with no manners about people with no shame". Nick Philippou directs for Actors Touring Company. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, W6 (0181-741 3633). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. 🅂

A FEAST OF FOOD IN ART. Christmas is in the air when the Llewellyn Alexander Gallery opens its sixth annual celebration. This year's show has gathered 45 artists for the specially commissioned paintings to blend the palette and palate: look for Austin Moseley, C.J. Archer, Lionel Aggett, Kristina Jardel, Michael Taylor and Linda Benton among them. **Llewellyn Alexander Gallery**, 124-126 The Cut, SE1 (0171-620 1322). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm, until Jan 6

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. Symphony Hall sees out the week in great style, starting with Robert Shaw conducting the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** tonight and Saturday for Verdi's *Requiem*. Romanian pianist Radu Lupu joins David Zinman and the **Philharmonia Orchestra** on Friday for a programme of Mozart's serenade from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, his Piano Concerto No 25, and Schumann's Symphony No 3, Rhenish. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm and Sat, 7pm. 🅂

INVERNESS. Scottish Ballet takes off for a Christmas season in Neverland, with the ever-popular *Peter Pan*. Choreographer Graham Lustig created the piece specially for the company, with a distinctly Scottish score by Eddie McGuire and Mackintosh-esque designs by Margaret Woznica. **Eden Court**, Bishop's Road (01463 221718). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats today, 1.30pm and Sat, 2.15pm 🅂

HARROGATE: Opening night for **Marisol**, a strange-sounding magical realist fantasy by José Rivera. A New York copy editor and her Guardian Angel, plus machine gun, fight to save the universe against a senile God. Could be terrific. Andrew Manley directs. **Harrogate**, Oxford Street (01423-502 116). Tonight, 7.45pm; until Dec 9 🅂

MANCHESTER: Siobhan Redmond plays the Glaswegian thirtysomething whose love affair with a younger man brings joy, comedy and trouble. Matthew Lloyd directs Iain Heggie's **An Experienced Woman Gives Advice**. **Royal Exchange**, St Ann's Square (0161-833 9833). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; until Dec 16. 🅂

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Art of African Textiles (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward**: Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (0171-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Gods in Love: the Caracci Cartoons Restored (0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Art Now 4: Miroslaw Balka: (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Jain Art from India: Women's Fashion in China 1910-1970 (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ◪ Some seats available
- ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **DEAD FUNNY**: Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans. **Savoy**, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm. 🅂

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE**: Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm. 🅂

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

◪ **THE JUNGLE BOOK**: Tim Supple directs his adaptation of three of Kipling's Mowgli stories for the Christmas season. **Young Vic**, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Now previewing, today, 10.30am and 2.30pm. Opens Dec 5, 7pm. Ring box office for schedule 🅂

■ **MACK AND MABEL**: Jerry Herman's musical set in early Hollywood. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Starring Howard McGillin and a delightful Caroline O'Connor. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Peter Hall's sexually understated production: Alan Bates the smoldering hero; fine performances by Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm 🅂

☐ **RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB**: Jonathan Harvey's touching, well-balanced play about emotional turmoil in a group of twenty-somethings. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats today and Sat, 4pm. Final week. 🅂

■ **MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN**: Diana Rigg sturdily moving in title role of Brecht's epic denunciation of war. Jonathan Kent directs a new version by David Hare. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) 🅂

☐ **THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE**: A witty evening of song, dance and sketches to do with William S. Assembled by Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5.30pm

☐ **TAKING SIDES**: Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performance by Daniel Massey as the conductor, with Michael Pennington as his philistine accuser. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . . ◪ **Communicating Doors**: Gielgud (0171-494 5530) . . . ☐ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Albery (0171-369 1730) . . . ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . . ◪ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

GOLDENEYE: See page 35. **Odeon Leicester Sq** (01426-915 683)

LA HAINE (15): Powerful, angry drama about volatile youths on a Paris housing estate. Director, Mathieu Kassovitz. **Gate** 🅂 (0171-727 4043) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

INSTITUTE BENJAMENTA: Slow, enigmatic doings in a school for servants; a beautifully crafted live-action feature by animation specialists the Brothers Quay. **Everyman** 🅂 (0171-435 1525) **ICA** 🅂 (0171-930 3647)

KASPAR HAUSER (18): Absorbing if low-key account of the German youth who became a pawn in 19th century German politics. With André Eisermann; directed by Peter Sehr. **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **THE SCARLET LETTER** (15): Sex and guilt in 17th-century Massachusetts; a long way from Hawthorne's novel. With Demi Moore, Gary Oldman and Robert Duvall. Director, Roland Joffe. **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

TOMMY BOY (PG): Can idiot boy Tommy save his dad's auto parts factory? Tiresome low-brow comedy with Chris Farley and David Spade; director, Peter Segal. **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

◆ **A WALK IN THE CLOUDS** (PG): Vacuous 1940s romance with Keanu Reeves as a returning soldier who finds a new life in California's vineyards. Director, Alfonso Arau. **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone. **MGMs: Fulham Road** 🅂 (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **CRIMSON TIDE** (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott. **Barbican** 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

LIVING IN OBLIVION (15): Trials and tribulations of making a low-budget movie. Delicious comedy from director Tom DiCillo, with Steve Buscemi. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*. With the voices of Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard. **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon. **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18): *Die Hard* on a train, with an impassive star (Steven Seagal), a grinning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action. **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

YOUNG AT ART: *Swan Lake* workshops keep schoolgirls on their toes, **Hilary Finch** reports

Where cygnets first take to the wing

ALAN WELLER

Bringing on the dancing girls: Copthall School pupils working with Gareth Griffiths of Adventures in Motion Pictures

The first thing a visitor sees on entering Copthall School in Mill Hill, northwest London, is the masthead of *The Times*. This non-selective school of 1,100 pupils is proud of its position as top girls comprehensive in the land; but whatever your opinion of league tables, it cannot be denied that the school is decidedly on its toes.

Every student studies dance for her first three years, and an unusually large percentage goes for the GCSE contemporary creative dance option. So strong is the school's commitment to dance that it is about to tear down its 1960s hall and replace it with a studio, complete with mirrors, barres and sprung floor. Frequent visits to Sadler's Wells made Copthall the obvious target for workshops tied to Adventure in Motion Pictures' new production of *Swan Lake*, part of ARTZ Week: A Celebration of Dance, sponsored by the mining company RTZ at Sadler's Wells Lilian Baylis Theatre.

This was AMP's first educational foray, and it was pretty strong stuff. Feathers flew. Even in the warm-up, Gareth Griffiths stung this herd of 14-year-old swans into forceful attack at the beginning of every single bar. "The focus of energy is channelled into one diagonal line. I want to see the vivaciousness hidden under the beautiful feathers." Over to his colleague Jayne Pope, who works on loosening head, shoulders and spine for the long neck movements. Then back to Griffiths. "And now you're flying low across a lake: flap — two, three, four; breaststroke — six, seven, eight. I want a real change in dynamics there."

All this is integrated into a 16-bar intro before the team of 20 is split into four groups to choreograph their own four sets of eight bars. Then a "portrait" group of adults, teenage swans and cygnets, and then off into group travel again. Louise Peacock, Copthall's head of dance, is thrilled: "This is instant choreography. The speed at which the girls are made to think, move and retain ideas gives them tremendous confidence — as well as marvellous complementary material for their GCSE project work."

Peacock also welcomes the redressing of the male-female balance in Matthew Bourne's gender-bending production for AMP from which these workshops abstract their ideas and material. If there is still a stigma attached to dance which prevents many boys signing up for workshops, then this production should certainly change things.

Choreographically, it is a reinvention of classical ballet — and ornithologically sound. "When classical ballet's required for our work," Griffiths says, "we'll use it. But we're really experimenting with movement language. We use the spine a lot more to get the animal quality of the neck." And interpretatively? "We're trying to challenge male roles in dance today. We're bringing men to the forefront to show off their skills. A *Swan Lake* for the 1990s doesn't necessarily dance in tutus and pointe shoes."

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Generation game

October Song
Orange Tree Room

First plays are often family plays, and a cunning playwright will contrive to switch our sympathy this way and that across the generations. If three generations are present, as in this play by Andrew Hinds, and two of the characters we meet, plus the one that we do not, are shown to be appalling individuals, there is no way of telling who will turn out to be the worst, or who will wear a martyr's crown.

We are in Catholic Derry. Upstairs and out of our sight, Grandfather O'Donnell may be on his deathbed but could be shamming, since he is clearly not the wonderful man that young Jonathan is leading himself to believe.

This gangling, goofy lad (Danny Spring) has arrived unexpectedly from London, in search of the family he has never met. His mother, Maggie, was turfed out of the house as a pregnant teenager 19 years earlier. His unmarried Aunt Pat has been chained to the counter of the family toyshop; Aunt Carmel does good works; Carmel's long-suffering husband, Tommy, has organised a tremendous event to celebrate Derry's history but is shoved aside when the old man receives an award for civic endeavour. Enter the raging Maggie to drag her boy away.

Maggie (Christina Greatrex) is brassy, short-tempered, evasive and clearly unreliable. Her opponent is Teresa McElroy's Carmel, ferociously bright-eyed, but Hinds, with an unexpectedly placed love interlude, opens up a vista in which she is glimpsed as an adored wife. Hinds manages to wrongfoot us several times like this.

The enthusiastic speech he gives to Simon Day's woman-dominated Tommy is nicely done. The final crescendo, however, comes effectively after a quiet scene between the three sisters, where Frances Jeater's Pat discloses her lifetime's grief, the play's central moment of pain. It is a finely judged confession, in a production, by Natasha Betteridge, alert to the play's engrossing range of moods.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Blow by ugly blow

Bruises
Theatre Upstairs

Judy Upton's play should win her plenty of new friends, but they are unlikely to include Worthing's Chamber of Commerce or Hoteliers' Association. As she evokes the resort, the gulls are grey, the boarding houses are reliant on people referred to them by the DSS, the nightlife is terminally dull, and the only men we meet beat up each other or their women. Since the standard excuse for facial bruises seems to be that you have fallen off a mountain bike, we are in several senses talking of a cycle of violence.

Upton does not bring any stunning new insights to that well-thumbed subject, but she does handle it with sensitivity. When Kate (Stephanie Buttle) comes to visit her mother, she quickly falls under the spell of Jay (Billy Carter), only to discover that his reaction to disagreement or frustration is to hit her. And why? Because his father (Ian Redford) has always behaved in the same way to him. Indeed, there is a suspicion that the brain haemorrhage that killed his mother was *not* really the result of falling downstairs, as the coroner thought.

What distinguishes Upton is her terse, understated dialogue, along with her determination to understand rather than proselytise. Certainly, she has caught another cycle of behaviour very well: a kick in the teeth, abject apologies, an edgy rapprochement, then a boot in the stomach. Better still, she and Jane Howell's strong cast communicate the bewilderment of all involved. How can I be doing this, how can I be putting up with it?

The play ends inconclusively, as so intransigent a subject and so addictive a habit both demand, but not exactly indecisively. As I left the Royal Court, a woman accidentally bumped me with her handbag and went into apologies we both recognised as absurdly fulsome: "Oh God, I'm so sorry." To strike other people is wrong and it is dangerous. Upton had certainly succeeded in demonstrating that.

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OPERA

Value from a tenor

Fedora
Covent Garden

Placido Domingo is the only one of the Three Tenors engaged at Covent Garden *this* season, and Giordano's *Fedora* is his chosen opera. There will be cries from those wishing that he *had* selected something else, but Domingo knows precisely what he is doing. He has not played the suspected nihilist, Loris Ipanov, in London before, and the role lies ideally for his voice.

In Paris last week, Domingo got himself into *verismo* trim with a couple of *Toscas*. Only two years separate Puccini's melodrama and the earlier *Fedora*. The pair have quite a lot in common, starting with a Sardou play as source and ending with a boy treble singing in the distance in the last act — full marks to the Garden's Jeremy Levitsky as Le Petit Savoyard.

Fedora's brief first act is mostly taken up with plot, ending with assassination in St Petersburg. Loris does not appear until the second, but within minutes is into the show's big number, and subsequent theme tune, *Amor ti vieta*. Domingo sang it lustrously, without appearing to draw breath. The aria is over in under two minutes — Giordano knew how to leave the audience baying for more.

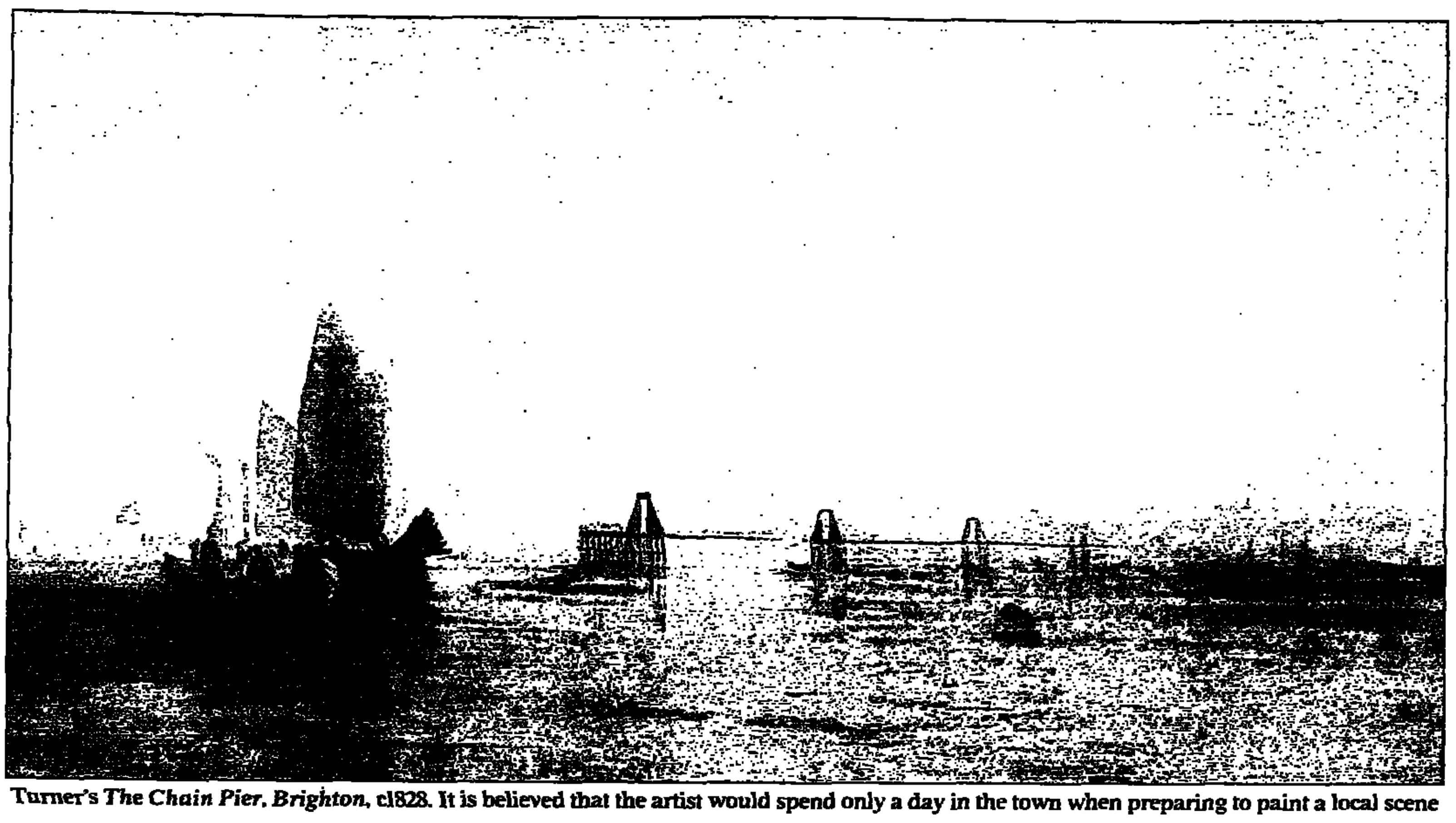
The tenor's other rewards come at the close of the same act. Loris describes his first love, Wanda, and, as the plot creaks forward, declares his new love for Fedora. Domingo lost no opportunities here in a marvellously extrovert performance. If *verismo* it is to be, then this is the way to do it.

Ian Brunskill, reviewing the opening night with Jose Cura, rightly described *Fedora* as "one of opera's star vehicles". With Maria Guleghina in top form in the title role, tenor and soprano announced they were travelling first class, in this middle act at least. The denouement in the Swiss Alps has its weaknesses, but Guleghina carried off Fedora's own dying moments with superbly controlled half voice.

Georg Tichy was a last-hour replacement from Vienna for the indisposed Carlos Alvarez as De Siriex and did admirably. Rosemary Joshua is much livelier than her predecessor as Olga. And Edward Downes in the pit puts not an arm wrong. All round, this revival makes a far stronger case for Giordano than the first night last season.

JOHN HIGGINS

Guy Walters reviews an exhibition of artists who took a day trip to the coast



Turner's *The Chain Pier, Brighton*, c1828. It is believed that the artist would spend only a day in the town when preparing to paint a local scene

Brighton beyond peer

The exhibition, *Brighton Revealed*, really is a revelation. More than 160 paintings from the middle of the 18th century to 1960 prove that Brighton is much more than a haven for "piers, queers and racketeers". The show, as well as including many triumphant works by Constable, Turner, Gore and Sickert, also provides an excellent record of the development of one of Britain's most popular resorts.

It took three years for David Beevers, the exhibition's curator, to muster the works on display. Some of the finest paintings of Brighton are to be found in other towns. John Piper's haunting *Dead Resort, Kemp Town* is on loan from Leeds, Spencer Gore's colourful *Brighton Pier* has had to be temporarily relocated from Southampton, and many of the Constables and Turners have endured the delights of the A23 on their way down from London.

One of the reasons for this diaspora is that there was no "Brighton School". Many eminent painters visited the town, but few fell in love with it. After one of his visits in 1824, Constable wrote to his friend, Archdeacon John Fisher, that there was "nothing here for a painter but the breakers — and sky". It formed part of a longer tirade: "Brighton is the receptacle of the fashion and offscouring of London. The magnificence of the sea, and its ... everlasting voice, is drowned in the din and lost in the tumult of stage coaches ... and the beach is only Piccadilly by the seaside." Despite Constable's lack of affection for Brighton, his brooding canvas depicting the seafront and the non-extant Chain Pier is the highlight of the exhibition. There are also several smaller oils of Brighton beach, which are as delicate as *The Chain Pier* is magnificent.

Turner was considerably more guarded about his feelings for Brighton. It is believed that he never remained in the town for longer than a day, but his many sketches indicate that he visited fairly often.

When Constable exhibited *The Chain Pier* in 1827, it would have been a red rag to Turner, who not only thought Constable inept at painting ships, but also regarded seascapes as his territory. Indeed, when Archdeacon Fisher wrote to Constable about *The Chain Pier*, he stated that "Turner, Calcott [sic] and Collins will not like it". Turner answered with *Brighton Beach With The Chain Pier, From The West* in around 1827 — a hazy golden depiction that is unfortunately too fragile to be transported from the Tate. Nevertheless, there is a more naturalistic oil of the Chain Pier (this time from the east) which easily rivals the Constable, and some excellent watercolours of the shoreline.

By the middle of the 19th century, the railway had reached Brighton, which made the town a fully-fledged resort. Much of the painting concentrates on the people and the architecture, and the sea loses much of its emphasis. Some, such as John Carmichael, seemed more interested in the railway viaduct. By the beginning of this century, leisure really sets in. Sickert's *Brighton Pierrots* from 1915 depicts a performing troupe, the sky glowing with a late summer light, and a sweep of Regency buildings lurks in the background. Gore's 1913 *Brighton Pier* gaudily depicts a group of well-attired promenaders set against the sea and the pier. The exhibition also displays many more architecturally precise drawings, which exude an almost utopian effect of harmony and order.

The success of *Brighton Revealed* must lie in its thoroughness. Far from cobbling together the first few images kept within a few miles, Beevers and his colleagues have produced a worthy advertisement for their town. That it will be of great interest to even the most committed non-Brightonian is praise enough.

● Brighton Revealed *is at the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church St, Brighton (01273-603005) until January 28*

RADIO: Purcell may have had the best tunes, but the Princess stole all the best lines

A week during which we talked of little else

There are weeks when events storm the agenda despite all efforts by the forces of resistance. Surely Tuesday's **Purcell 300** (Radio 3) would be the radio event of this week, a magnificent live concert from Westminster Abbey marking the 300th anniversary of the composer's death and the end of the BBC's **Fairest Isle** season.

Alas not. For the radio event of the week has turned out to be the television event of the year, namely the Princess of Wales on *Panorama*. If anything was as interesting as the actual interview, it was surely the reaction of the great British public as broadcast on radio in the minutes and hours following *Panorama*.

I do not buy the view that radio phone-ins are vehicles for vested interests, bigots and lobby groups. If you listen carefully to enough of them, they can be a remarkably good barometer of public opinion.

Certainly radio, by having a high turnover of callers, does this sort of thing far better than television, a point proved when BBC 2's *Newsnight* went to a pub called, er, the Princess of Wales and lumbered itself with eight pre-selected punters with nothing much to say.

On a properly ordered radio show, rambling callers can soon be excised. In the hour or two after *Panorama* on Monday we had a chunk of Radio 5 Live devoted to the Princess and **Call Nick Ross** (Radio 4) was given over to the subject on Tuesday morning. And of course the commercial networks were solid with angry, bemused, amused, sceptical and fawning voices.

The interesting thing is that, taken in general, people were not obsessed with adultery or the line of succession or whether Queen Diana (separated or divorced) would be more or less credible than Queen Camilla (divorced and remarried). The thing that got most goats was: "I want to be a Queen in people's hearts."

This was variously described as presumptuous, insulting, arrogant, infuriating and ludicrous. A caller to Nick Ross said that it was straight out of Barbara Cartland. Another cited Mills & Boon. Most critical voices seemed to think the Princess as Queen of Hearts a far more outrageous prospect than the Princess as Queen of England.

Nor was the *Panorama* interview the only subject of vitriolic comment. Nicholas Soames, a "friend of Prince Charles", demonstrated how adept the mainstream royals are at shooting their own foxes by describing the Princess as in the "advanced stages of paranoia" and then having to back off on the **Today** programme. Callers to at least three phone-ins had things to say about Mr Soames sufficient to suggest that with such friends, the Prince is in scant need of enemies.

Overall, the phone-in victory went to the Princess of Wales on points. But it may be significant that there was more criticism from callers on the day after the interview than on the night it went out. Perhaps the case weakens as the radiance fades.

PETER BARNARD

Abbey echoes again to Purcell

CONCERTS

Henry Purcell died 300 years ago on Tuesday, the eve of St Cecilia's Day. The BBC went all out to mark the occasion; a **Purcell 300** event in Westminster Abbey was broadcast live on BBC2 and Radio 3. The Abbey was, of course, very much Purcell's home ground (he was organist there from 1679) and much of this concert featured his current successor, Martin Neary, both as keyboard player and director of the Abbey choir.

There were moments when one could forget the paraphernalia of TV — my view was dominated by an overhead camera that loomed like a long-necked dinosaur — and allow the Abbey's history-laden atmosphere to blend with Purcell's music. Such a frisson of recognition seemed to inspire the Choir's performance of the relentlessly chromatic *Hear my Prayer, O Lord*, while the weight of history — and not a little irony in view of recent events — made itself felt in *My Heart is Inditing*, composed for the coronation of James II and, in particular, of his Queen, Mary of Modena, described as "all glorious within".

Perhaps the crowning moment was James Bowman's powerful account of Purcell's *Evening Hymn*, its strains being allowed to echo eerily as, on the television screen, the credits rolled. This was only one of the inspired ideas behind the programming. Musical cross-references abounded. The Purcell quotations integrated into Jonathan Dove's *Fairest Isle Fanfare* kept popping up later in the concert, while the theme for Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* — the Rondeau from *Abdelazar* — had already been heard in its original version played by the New London Consort.

We were also given a rarity — Elgar's large-scale arrangement of *Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes* — and a premiere: Tippett's *Song for Caliban*, which was preceded by a trumpet tune with a difference, the *Trumpet Tune with Boogie* from his *Tempest* Suite. This I heard loud and clear, being seated right behind the excellent Nash Ensemble; the contributions of Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony Orchestra were less easy to appreciate since all that reached the south transept was a distant wash of sound. Still, a programme of this quality must surely have pleased listeners to Radio 3; its major contribution to Purcell's year has been entirely overlooked by the Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells brigade.

Meanwhile, Purcell Weekend at the Barbican ended with **The Prophetess, or The History of Dioclesian**. It contains some of Purcell's finest melancholic songs: *What shall I do to show how much I love her*, or the duet *Oh the sweetest delights of Love* are but two examples. Then there is plenty of fine music for trumpets and drums, and brilliant choruses. So why did the evening feel so long?

It wasn't the lengthy dialogue between the prophetess Delphia and Diocles, reworked with a nice sense of timing by the theatre historian Roger Savage and performed with elan by Janet Suzman and Michael Maloney. The singing from Emma Kirkby, Charles Daniels, Paul Agnew and David Thomas, as well as a promising young bass Paul Robinson, was polished. And the performance of the Academy of Ancient Music was quite acceptable, if overly polite.

The blame for this lack of drama and colour must lie with the conductor, Christopher Hogwood. There was no sense of pacing, no infusion of energy, and, most alarmingly of all, perhaps, little feeling for stylistic flair.

One problem facing any attempt to recreate old performance conditions is how to marry authentically small-scale performing forces with large modern concert halls. There are, however, a number of halls hidden away in the City of London that offer appropriate spaces for early music, among them the Stationers' Hall. The **Bach Ensemble**'s contribution to the Ceciliatide Festival of Music held there was, appropriately enough, an all-Bach programme.

Martin Neary: supervised tribute to great forerunner

The single-strings approach to Bach, first adopted by Joshua Rifkin, the Bach scholar and director of the Bach Ensemble, has become a well-established part of historically aware performance practice. But rarely have I heard it work as well as it did here. The mellower tones of the period instruments sounded richly vibrant and immediate without any forcing of the tone, and the use of single strings allowed for faster tempos that helped to bring out the dance element at the heart of much of Bach's music. The three concerto-type pieces (the B minor Suite, Brandenburg Concerto No 5 and the Concerto in C minor for oboe and violin) performed by the Bach Ensemble buzzed with vitality.

TESS KNIGHTON

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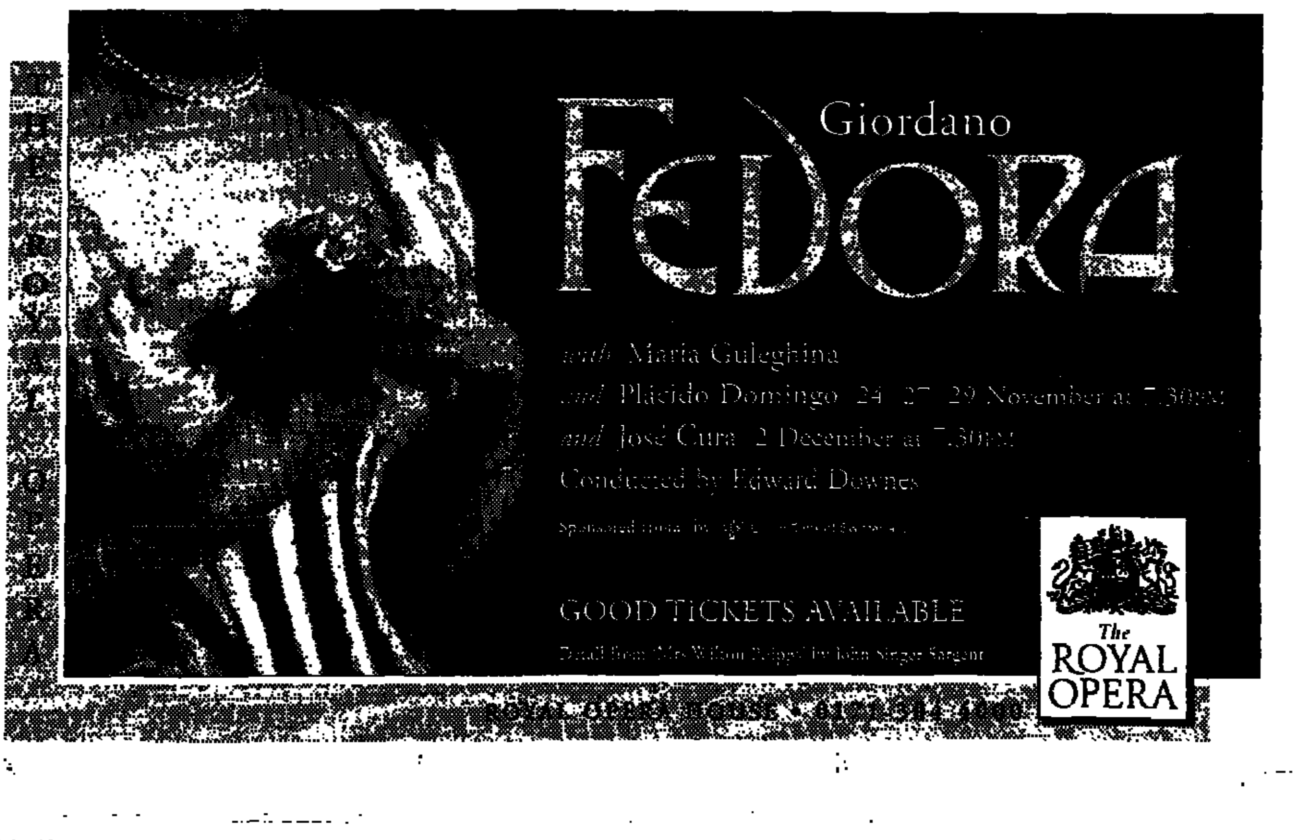

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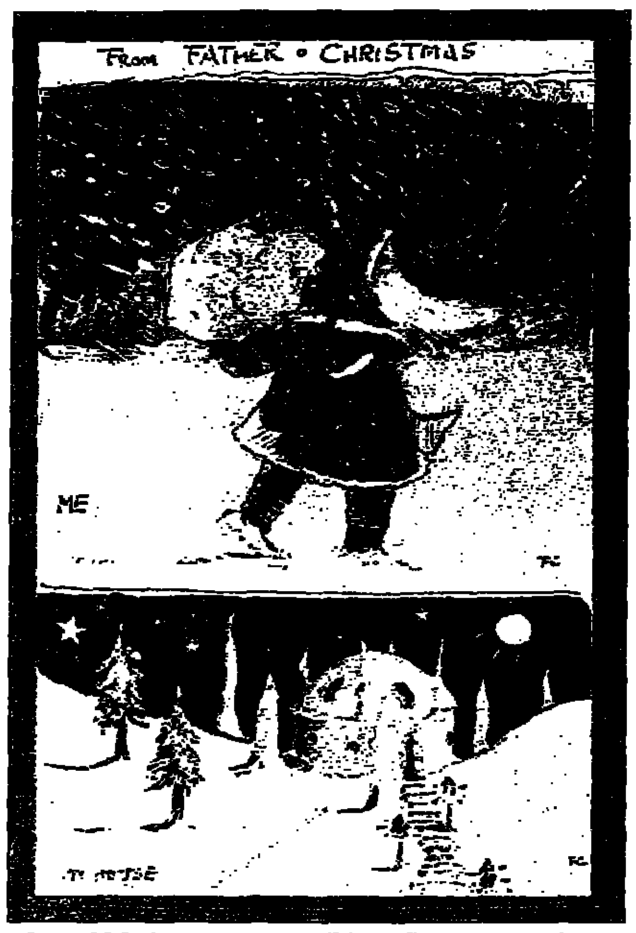

Me and My House (1920): Tolkien's first letter to his son

In his biography of Tolkien, Humphrey Carpenter gave us a glimpse of the sage in retirement at his converted garage in Headington: playing patience and drawing patterns in old newspapers while solving the crossword. Wayne Hammond and Christina Scull reproduce an example of this in what looks like a *Daily Telegraph* for 1960 (a headline reads: "Asia and Africa in Nato scope"), fully justifying Carpenter's description of the patterns as "marvellously intricate". Old envelopes and other spare bits of paper also served in this brilliantly casual record of heraldic and other devices rescued from the ancient times of the Silmarillion.

These designs, glowing like stained-glass in their mixed media of inks and coloured pencils, were the last graphic entertainments of a man who had delighted in drawing from his earliest childhood. Carpenter — again — reports that even before he left South Africa in 1895 when he was three, Tolkien was fascinated by drawing, and his youth in England was spent under the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement and Art Nouveau. What he learnt then about colour, balance of design and stylised representation was fundamental to all his later graphic work.

From what Hammond and Scull show us of Tolkien's early landscape sketches, he might be ranked, like so many of his generation, as a talented, unexceptionable Sunday painter. But with the growth in his mind of the mythology of the Silmarills, his use of his artistic gifts shifted towards becoming a kind of visual *aide-mémoire* for the imaginative landscapes of the tales. Drawing could be used to "set a stage" or supply quasi-medieval maps for events in the story. It could also offer readers a representation of what the words were saying — a crucial issue, which Hammond and Scull deal with at some length in discussing the tortuous development of Tolkien's illustrations for *The Hobbit* and, abortively, *The Lord of the Rings*.

J.R.R. TOLKIEN
Artist and Illustrator
By Wayne G. Hammond and Christina Scull
HarperCollins, £35

LETTERS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS
By Elf Messenger (and J.R.R. Tolkien) edited by Baillie Tolkien
HarperCollins, £12.99

"Alas," wrote Tolkien to Hugh Brogan in 1954, "I can only draw v. imperfectly what I can, and not what I see." Such doubts about his capacity were reinforced by the more radical uncertainty, expressed in his essay *On Fairy-stories*, as to whether the illustration of literature could ever be anything but limiting. His argument is persuasive, as anyone can tell who has seen some of the frenzied re-illustrated versions of his mythology, but — typically — he was too modest about his own skill and his own graphic sensitivity. Many of the "mythological" scenes displayed by Hammond and Scull, like "Moria Gate" or the mountainous wall of "Barad-dûr", see him giving a wholly convincing rendering of his texts.

Convincing too, in much more jocular vein, are Tolkien's "family drawings": the letters which he persuaded Father Christmas to send to *his* children throughout the 1920s and 1930s and the picture book which he fashioned especially for them: *Mr Bliss*. As learned foragers among the byways of Middle Earth, Hammond and Scull perhaps feel that these *jeux d'esprit* are a mite frivolous, but, rejoicing as they do in the interplay of word and picture, they show Tolkien at his relaxed and ingenious best.

Following the Ahlbergs' success with their jolly postman, every publisher is trying to find an excuse for binding envelopes into books and then tucking letters into them. Tolkien's *Letters from Father Christmas* to his family are a suitable case for such treatment. Baillie Tolkien's facsimile adaptation is an altogether more festive way of presenting these missives than the old picture-book version.

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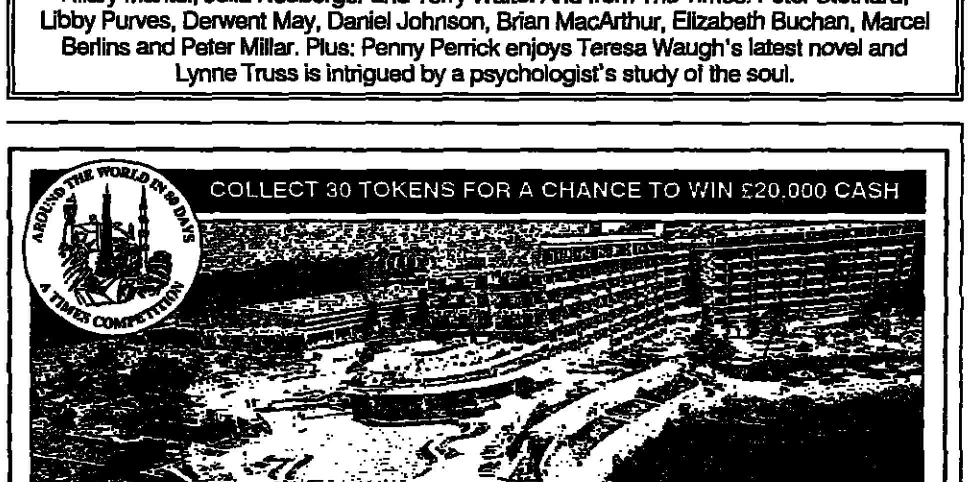

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Posterior analytics

Fiona Pitt-Kethley

THE REAR VIEW
A Brief and Elegant History of Bottoms through the Ages
By Jean-Luc Hennig
Souvenir, £15.99

THE BBC once asked me to compose a long monologue on the subject of men's bottoms. Though surprised, I thought I had the greatest job in the world — until I began to run out of steam after two thousand words. So I take my hat off to Jean-Luc Hennig for managing to write a book of novel-length on the cultural history of bottoms.

Hennig's translators like the word "buttocks" and use it just a little too much. It's an uglier word than the French *fesses*. Hennig seems to invest this part of the body with an intelligence and sensibility of its own: "Buttocks are always delighted when anyone falls back in ecstasy and surprise at the sight of them."

The chapters are separate units, like essays, and could be read in any order. Different chapters will appeal to different readers: "Bathing", "Curves", "Male", "Spanking" etc . . . Those of a squeamish disposition should definitely not read pages 149 to 152. They detail the anatomical consequences of various anally-orientated tortures, including Edward II's execution.

While I am jolly glad no pictures of such practices were included, the general lack of illustrations in the book does provide a problem. The chapter headed "Ideal" doesn't entirely translate, as too many of the adverts referred to appear only in France. Perhaps the French edition was profusely illustrated. If not, Hennig presupposes that his readers have a vastly erudite knowledge of art history. I studied for four years in a British art school, but he mentions pictures that I do not know.

At times, Hennig takes on the tone of a prurient professor of the type who enjoys embarrassing his students. He quotes, and seems to endorse, the odd theory of Suzanne Giroux of Quebec. She believes that Mona Lisa's smile is in fact hiding a pair of boys' bottoms. You have to go to bizarre lengths to try to see this, squaring off the mouth, turning the picture round and using a mirror. I tried this on a few other portraits too, only to find that it is quite easy to turn chins, lips and dimples into bottoms with a little shifting of the glass. All of which only goes to prove that art historians see what they want to see.

HENNIG is better when he gives a more objective overview of sculpture and painting. He rightly suggests that the male bottom has yet to be well-represented in the latter genre. I particularly enjoyed his anecdote about Tamara de Lempicka, who lacked a model for her picture of Adam and Eve. She went out and grabbed the nearest policeman, "who followed her to the studio, took off his uniform, folded it neatly, placed his revolver on top, and, naked, took up a pose on the podium, then turned round. It was the backside of the century. No one could claim it was easy to forget." Now that's what I call community policing.

SCIENCE FICTION

Seeking a cosmic paradise

Science fiction, the cult of physical perfectionism and mythological kitsch meet in *Wind Rider* (1993), Julie Bell's self-portrait as a futuristic Valkyrie; she was a professional bodybuilder before becoming a fantasy artist. Taken from *Hard Curves: The Fantasy Art of Julie Bell* by Nigel Suckling (Paper Tiger, £12.95 pbk)

AT THE festive time when we return to our emotional roots, what better for science fiction readers than a reintroduction to a great founding father of the genre, H.G. Wells, with the reissue of his novella, **The Invisible Man** *(Everyman, £4.99 pbk)*? In the centenary year of *The Time Machine*, Wells is still under-published, although Orion promises to remedy that with a magnificent list of Everyman paperbacks and Phoenix House hardbacks.

Our debt to *The Invisible Man* is incalculable. The story of a scientist tampering with unknown forces is still of primal concern. But Wells was no exponent of scientific answers to everything; he believed in Utopias, but saw that mankind got in the way too many times. There is, often, a thread of despair running through his scientific romances.

It is, though, as always with him, an epic dismay, whereas, **Sick**, by Jay R. Bonansinga *(Orion, £15.99)* is a more intimate suicide note to the reader with a malignant tumour being substituted within a woman by a radiation-caused entity. A remission with a mission, as it were.

For those who need the visual aids of cinema and television to provoke reading, there are three follow-ups of a quality we don't usually get with such cash-ins on a brand name: **Aliens: Earth Hive** and **Nightmare Asylum** by Steve Perry *(Millennium, £14.99)*; H.W. Jeter's **Blade Runner: The Edge Of Human** *(Orion, £15.99)* and **The X Files: Ground Zero**, by Kevin J. Anderson *(HarperCollins, £9.99)*.

Addicts of both films and TV series will know what to expect. The writing in *The X Files: Ground Zero*, especially, is of the sensibly sensational variety which makes the programmes themselves such wonderfully twisted puzzles. The proclamation is: "The Truth is Out There." Too often, we find the truth is within us.

Christopher Evans's **Mortal Remains** *(Gollancz, £15.99)* is a fascinating improvisation on the idea of life after death, with a psychic afterglow scientifically established in a future where ageing is a thing of the past. The present, however, has its own problems in this pell-mell narrative.

The good news, incidentally — brought to us in **Sailing Bright Eternity** by Gregory Benford *(Gollancz £16.99)* — is that human beings will survive into the faraway future. The bad news is that it will be in self-organised forms we cannot, today, understand. Benford is one of the most literate of the contemporary masters of the genre, with nuts-and-bolts SF merging into the aura of philosophical conjecture with seamless compulsion.

Of all the current practitioners, he is one of the few in direct descent from Wells. Others surf the Internet with cyberpunk or construct ideas to inhabit hollow men and women, with whom we cannot identify. Benford and Wells create real people to parade their notions. But Benford is a bit more optimistic — in his festive title, anyway.

Science Fiction: The Illustrated Encyclopaedia by John Klute *(Dorling Kindersley, £25)* can rightly be called a coffee-table book — because it is almost as big as a coffee table. Size, in this case, is beautiful; rarely have I met an introduction to the genre that relies as much on substance as style. That style is an illuminating series of texts about science fiction authors and their works, further ventilated by designs and photographs which are, mainly, in well-wrought colour.

Did you know that Ray Bradbury, for instance, also wrote under the names of Edward Banks or Brett Sterling? You do now. Summing up his work, the author says: "In the end Bradbury is looking for Paradise." Which is a fair comment on science fiction readers as well, I suppose.

TOM HUTCHINSON

Wrapping the fish and chips

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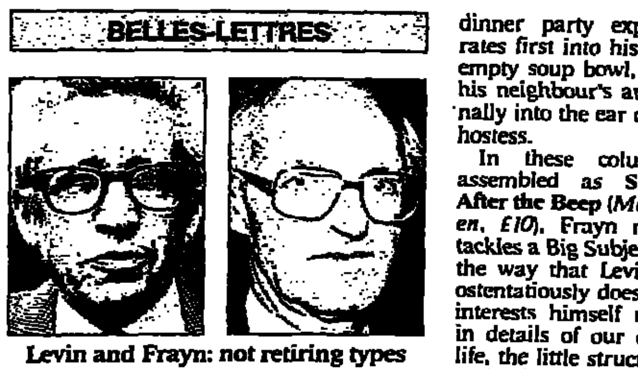

Levin and Frayn: not retiring types

ONE OF my earliest memories as a teenage *Times* reader was of Bernard Levin announcing that he was giving up his career as a columnist to do something more valuable with his time. And one of my first lessons in the difficulty of what looks easy involved watching the undeniably talented Frank Johnson (now Editor of *The Spectator*) attempting to fill Levin's shoes and, more important, his acres of space, and not quite getting away with it.

If reports are accurate, some readers' hearts had been known to sink when Levin announced that he was going to write about Wagner or parapsychology or the Taj Mahal again. But when he was no longer writing, we realised that nobody else could do what Levin did.

Fortunately, Levin's "retirement" has been even more productive than Frank Sinatra's. The Soviet Union may have collapsed, but **I Should Say So** (*Cape, £16.99*) is Levin's eighth collection of columns to appear since 1979. Cavils first: Levin's funny stories (the female jogger who killed an ostrich, Sir Bernard Ingham arresting a fare-dodger) might be funnier if the author didn't keep telling us at regular intervals how funny they are. If all the quotations in foreign languages were translated into English, about half of them would be revealed as not worth quoting in the first place, and the rest would be more useful to readers. When Levin, who claims never to have sat on a horse, says that he used to dream of marrying Princess Anne, the reader scarcely knows which way to look.

THE VIRTUES of the book are familiar: the appetite for experience, the capacity for enthusiasm and invective. Above all, Levin has a consistent belief in freedom that leads him in the strangest directions. Many who cheered his denunciations of the Grunwick picketers were dismayed by his eloquent defence of the four-letter words in Tony Harrison's *V*. A recent letter to *The Times* stated: "Free speech is a privilege not to be abused." But it's not a privilege and if it can't be abused, it's not free. Levin is at his dismaying best when he defends the anti-Semitic Lady Birdwood or a shark sculpture on an Oxford roof and denounces anti-smoking pressure groups and the anti-veal export mobs.

Michael Frayn was also meant to have retired as a columnist, so his sudden, though brief, re-emergence in *The Guardian* seemed as improbable as a new novel from J.D. Salinger. If you think that Levin's defence of smokers is one-sided, read Frayn's "defence" of spitting: the evangelical spitter at a dinner party expectorates first into his own empty soup bowl, then his neighbour's and finally into the ear of his hostess.

In these columns, assembled as **Speak After the Beep** (*Methuen, £10*), Frayn never tackles a Big Subject, in the way that Levin so ostentatiously does. He interests himself more in details of our daily life, the little structures and rules we create for ourselves to give our life meaning. His sense of detail, his ear for tone, his eye for a cliché is so unerring, that this is funny in itself. Even his description of his mnemonic system for remembering his PIN number is wonderful comic drama.

But, as in his drama and fiction, the smile is likely to freeze on our lips. What are our lives except the trivial moments and the patterns we try to impose on them, the absurd habits that become our personality? A piece devoted to those fragmentary moments in our life when we are self-aware (called "Eternity in a tube of toothpaste") is comic and also terrifying. *Speak After the Beep* is that rare thing, a collection of articles which work cumulatively.

WHEN I read a jocose tribute to the frozen pea (ending with a pun about "peas in our time"), I almost tossed Oliver Pritchett's **The Dogger Bank Saga: Writings 1980-95** *(Richard Cohen, £12.99)* at the wall in irritation. Yet I giggled helplessly over his piece about the police's contribution to British poetry. And I'm not going to quote from it because one of the laws of reviewing is that quoting humour is rather like offering a friend a glass of last night's champagne into which someone has stubbed out a cigarette.

In his columns, mainly for *The Sunday Telegraph*, Pritchett has created an idiosyncratic comic world whose flavour is best conveyed through titles like "Pouring tea on troubled waters". These essays are guaranteed free of improving thoughts. No sentences begin: "But seriously . . ." But read them in small doses.

SEAN FRENCH

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It's a hell of a town

Kenneth T. Jackson, editor of *The Encyclopedia of New York City*, is also Chairman of the History Department at Columbia University. The course on the city which he teaches there includes, as its final requirement, a bicycle trip all around Manhattan that begins at 11pm and finishes at sunrise on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Such verve and commitment cannot have gone amiss in the production of this monumental volume, which has taken a dozen years. Remarkably, the city that is currently calling itself "The Capital of the World" has never been encompassed in a reference such as this: whatever its faults, the *Encyclopedia* will be swiftly snapped up by anyone who has a serious interest in the Big Apple.

Why Big Apple? Look it up. If you are unsatisfied by the somewhat evasive entry — the source of the nickname has never been satisfactorily explained — a bibliographical reference will take you further. The *Encyclopedia* is about as large as a single volume can reasonably be, and a treasure trove of the kind of information which might not, at first glance, excite — but could save whole days of searching a library's shelves. It is also excellent value.

Erica Wagner

THE
ENCYCLOPEDIA
OF NEW YORK CITY
Edited by
Kenneth T. Jackson
Yale, £40

Included are not only the expected numbers — 2,027 bridges, 722 miles of subway tunnels, 25 of the world's tallest 100 buildings — but also lists: of mayors, of borough presidents, of daily newspapers, of songs related to the city. There are 4,300 entries by 680 authors, written in a sedate, somewhat academic style relieved by illustration (the slightly po-faced essay on the Beats is accompanied by the 1953 cover to William Burroughs's *Junkie: Confessions of an Unredeemed Drug Addict*). There are long articles on subjects like government, immigration and commercial banking, and smaller entries for individual events, neighbourhoods and people.

Selection in this last category was bound to be a contentious issue. Those included are "those whom the editors judged to have left a permanent mark on the city's history or culture." The arguments that must have taken place around the editorial table don't bear thinking about. Gertrude (Caroline) Ederle — a swimmer in the 1920s — makes it; Mickey Mantle — one of the New York Yankees' best-known players — doesn't: perhaps his birth in Oklahoma put him out of the running.

For the entries on historical figures are limited to their connections with the city. Look up Thomas Jefferson and you will learn nothing about the Declaration of Independence, but that he lived for a time at 57 Maiden Lane in Manhattan, and described the city in a letter as "a cloacina of all the depravities of human nature".

It is hard to turn a page without finding a treasure such as this. Under the long entry for "lesbians" we meet Murray Hall, who masqueraded as a man in the 19th century, married two women and was a respected city politician; her *New York Times* obituary described her as "a man about town, a *bon vivant*, and all around good fellow". There are even wonders in the contributors' biographies; who would not eagerly await Michael McCabe's forthcoming book on the history of early tattooers in New York City?

There are surprisingly few errors — though it is puzzling that no one checked the Mayor's address. But doubtless there will be future editions; and the editor has thoughtfully provided an address to which to send corrections.

A new life of Noel Coward shows there was more to him than silk dressing gowns, says **Clive Fisher**

"He has a gay appeal . . ." Noel Coward sandwiched between Judy Garland and Lauren Bacall

Sex, malice and the Master

Noel Coward's life was art and like all art it had the aspect of perfection. Not only did he realise, before he was 30, the dreams of wealth, fame and glamour which beguiled his brief childhood (the pattern, after all, of any success story): he also found their reality perennially and uncloyingly sweet. Moreover, untroubled by Garboesque yearnings for obscurity and shrewdly cognisant of the blessings of wealth, he died as he had lived, quickly, unregretfully, discreetly, yet to world-wide coverage.

His fame and influence endure, however, and his major comedies constitute an important artistic legacy. Twenty-two years dead, he was overdue for a comprehensive, disinterested biography. Now it has arrived and we shall not soon need another.

The major legends of Coward's life were forming even before his death — galvanising mother-love, the impecunious Clapham background, notoriety with *The Vortex*, apotheosis with *Private Lives*, reaction with *Cavalcade*, partnership with Gertrude Lawrence and the Lunts, patriotism in the war, obsolescence in the peace, tax exile, the cabarets at Las Vegas, rehabilitation and the long-awaited knighthood. However, Philip Hoare rejuvenates each chapter with a swift narration, an astonishing augmentation of fact and a flexibility of focus which enables him to scrutinise the plays, songs, poems, stories and other forms Coward favoured, and to place them tellingly in the populous canvas of his life and times. He spares us the details of theatrical tantrums and spurns the open-mouthed hagiography of sharp wit and silk dressing gowns which has informed too much Cowardian biography. This is the Master seen by sober daylight, rather than artfully lit for stage or screen.

Despite estate co-operation, and the freedom of Coward's banal correspondence, Hoare has not been intimidated into disguising his subject's weaknesses, which were largely those of a spoilt child. He was vain, dictatorial and selfish: he never forgot a trespass and could hardly take a joke. When Mountbatten's attempt to secure him a knighthood failed, he wept openly. Even one of the Lord Chamberlain's readers noticed in 1938 that the West End's surest crowd-puller seemed never to grow up.

NOEL COWARD
A Biography
By Philip Hoare
Sinclair-Stevenson, £35

He lived on his nerves and prospered by harnessing his childish strengths of single-mindedness and shamelessness. His name was synonymous with self-discipline, and when it came to social climbing he was beyond bashfulness. Not all bastions were conquered, however. For years he contended with the animosity of Churchill and Beaverbrook, not to mention the Duke of Windsor — but then a man may be judged by the greatness of his detractors.

Authorial skills notwithstanding, sex and malice are the salt of biography. By virtue of its egomaniacal cast there is plenty of the latter here, especially from Cecil Beaton, a ubiquitous and sour spectator of Coward's triumphs. But the Master's love-life, hinted at in all those haunting lyrics, is the great remaining mystery. While avoiding salacity, Hoare does not disappoint. Precocious in all things, the prodigy accepted his sexuality quickly and Hoare excellently evokes the freemasonry of Edwardian Uranists which, circumspect after Wilde's fall, could still accelerate the escape from suburbia.

We discover why he liked men in uniform (especially army and navy) and so understand that he was drawn to actors who could play them, whether Michael Redgrave (a catch) or Laurence Olivier (who stubbornly resisted any promotion from platonic friendship, so that Coward had to content himself with trimming his pubic hair). The affairs with his manager Jack Wilson and his surviving legatee Graham Payn are explored, as are such feastings with panthers as Coward attended. We even learn which song was inspired by James Cagney's pugnacious charms.

Coward is fascinating partly because he captured the dubious glamour of the *Zeitgeist* and partly because, for all his brilliance, he was so shallow: he lived for, and by, appearances, an unequalled, two-dimensional showman appropriate to an age too preoccupied (and too guilt-ridden) to probe. But this proclivity towards superficiality is Coward's, not Hoare's. Beyond regretting the latter's rare literary infelicities (all the more distressing in the chronicle of a great stylist), I can only commend his exhaustive, equable and percipient biography and wonder who could hope to supersede it.

Clive Fisher has written books on Noel Coward and Cyril Connolly.

Glorying in the garden of Eve

Ferdinand Mount, the Editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, once wrote that the reason why gardening, of all the arts, had been untouched by modernism was that it was written about only by practitioners. But if it is just gardeners who write about gardening, on the whole it is also just gardeners who read about gardening. It is not an armchair activity in the way that cooking is. A food book, even a bald compilation of recipes, is in some sense an end in itself. One doesn't have to read in order to cook the dishes, but in order not to have to. Thereby one gets the pleasure without the labour and — sadly, this is a major attraction in some quarters — without the calories.

Gardening books, even as they flourish, do not work in quite the same way. Reading about mulching a bed, or choosing a rose, while both informative and interesting for those who might think of performing either activity, are no replacement for doing so. Those with gardens would be more likely to be made to feel guilty thereby and those without envious.

Deborah Kellaway's anthology, however, does have something of the pull and the readability of the cookery book. That is not just because it includes a chapter entitled "Kitchen Gardeners" with its glorious descriptions of everything from figs, with their "honeyed moisture" and "faint, dusky scent" (Gertrude Jekyll), to "small round cabbages with milk-white middles" (E.V. Boyle). But it is also because the disparate but harmonious mix of contributors in this collection utterly persuades one of the quiet, exhausting, deep pleasure of gardening.

Nigella Lawson

THE VIRAGO BOOK
OF WOMEN
GARDENERS
Edited by Deborah
Kellaway
Virago, £16.99

And unlike many anthologies which are arranged around one central premise, namely that all contributors are female, it isn't either specious or patronising here. Women have been among the most influential and fascinating gardeners. In a sense they created the garden as most of us think of it now, as a form of living painting. It is an art but, more importantly, a part of living: another room of one's house as well as of one's imagination.

Of course, the difficulty with all anthologies is that there are always particular writers that give more pleasure, and so one wishes to continue to read them, and not the lesser ones also included. It is simply impossible to start reading Gertrude Jekyll without being reminded that she was not merely an exceptional gardener but an exceptional writer too, who puts anyone else in the shade. Whatever the subject — colour (it was she who first described magenta as "malignant"), the rains, plants ("the Dahlia's first duty in life is to flaunt and to swagger and to carry gorgeous blooms well above its leaves, and on no account to hang its head") — she writes better on it than anyone else. Reading Deborah Kellaway's selections, I was moved to read her again at greater length, and that surely is part of the trick of a good anthology.

But there were — for me at least — new finds that gave comparable pleasure. I had never before come across Eleanor Perényi, who writes with precision and passion. She is good on class distinctions and what part they play in the garden — as perhaps only an American would be unafraid to point out — and wonderful on colour. To know how to please with the familiar and interest with the new is surely the hallmark of a successful anthologist.

Gertrude Jekyll's design for Stilemans, Surrey, in *The Country House Garden* by Brent Elliott (Beazley, £40)

When our ships and men had hearts of oak

"IT WAS an extraordinary instrument and it did extraordinary things . . . It evolved from no theoretical concept or plan but through a blend of fear, ambition, curiosity and trial and error . . . It pervaded the national life." The instrument was the Royal Navy as, perhaps, only those who have lived for more than half a century will recognise it as thus described by Rear-Admiral J.R. Hill in his preface to *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Royal Navy*. "Its influence on the world's political and strategic arrangement, and even on its behaviour," he maintains, "was, for over a century and a half, profound."

To explain this in a single volume, he has assembled 14 notable naval historians in what would be, if the Royal Navy still taught its own history to its young officers, an admirable textbook for them. But it has been heavily illustrated, sometimes in colour, and, hefty as a telephone directory, needs the support of a coffee table, being too heavy for the wrist.

"Sent home": a German view of Jutland from *The Great War: The Cartoonists' Vision* by Roy Douglas (Routledge, £40)

Tom Pocock

THE OXFORD
ILLUSTRATED
HISTORY OF
THE ROYAL NAVY
Edited by J.R. Hill
OUP, £25

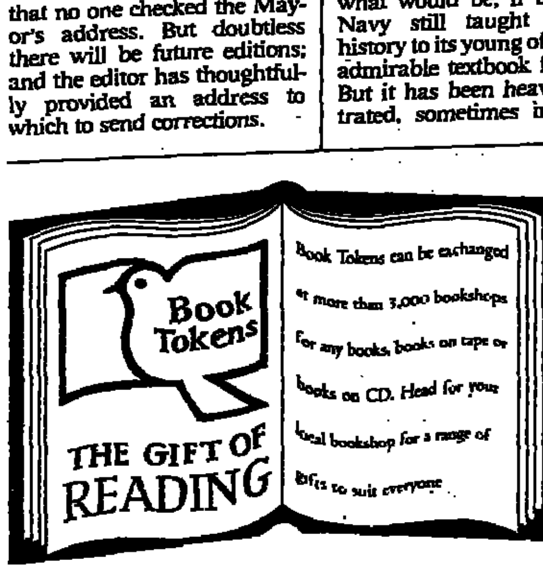
Most of the chapters could stand as short standard works on the strategic and social position of the Navy and its technical evolution. But here and there the weight of historical detail overwhelms the grand sweep of narrative which earlier generations of naval historians such as Mahan, Laughton, Callender and Warner understood so well.

So the Seven Years War — the real first world war, which established the British Empire — and the titanic struggle with Revolutionary and Napoleonic France are not given the dramatic emphasis they deserve. In a chapter by the American historian John B. Hattendorf, covering the years 1690 to 1815, they are just summarised among seven conflicts with France, which Professor Hattendorf admits were "neither an exclusive nor a continuous rivalry". The professor is not always strong on detail. He misnames the British admiral who took Havana from Spain, and Bonaparte's strategic ambitions in the East that brought about the Battle of the Nile are not explained.

However, another American academic, Daniel A. Baugh, gives a detailed and well-rounded account of the components of the 18th-century Royal Navy as a national institution. It would be invidious to single out any of the dozen British contributors, since each has produced a satisfying, if inevitably densely-written summary of an aspect of "the extraordinary instrument" — be it political, strategic, technological, economic or social. Both world wars are well-covered and two chapters are devoted to post-war development.

Looking to the future, Admiral Hill emphasises the trend towards "smaller, more intense" nation-states and a consequent increase in international instability. This, he rightly concludes, is "not a situation in which a flexible instrument like a navy should be forgone".

Tom Pocock's Horatio Nelson *is in Pimlico paperback.*



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☐ OVERSEAS visitors staying at the Sloane Hotel in central London apparently like the antique beds they sleep in so much that seven have already been sold this year. Prices range from £500 to £15,000. All antiques at the hotel are available for sale. Details: 0171-581 5757.

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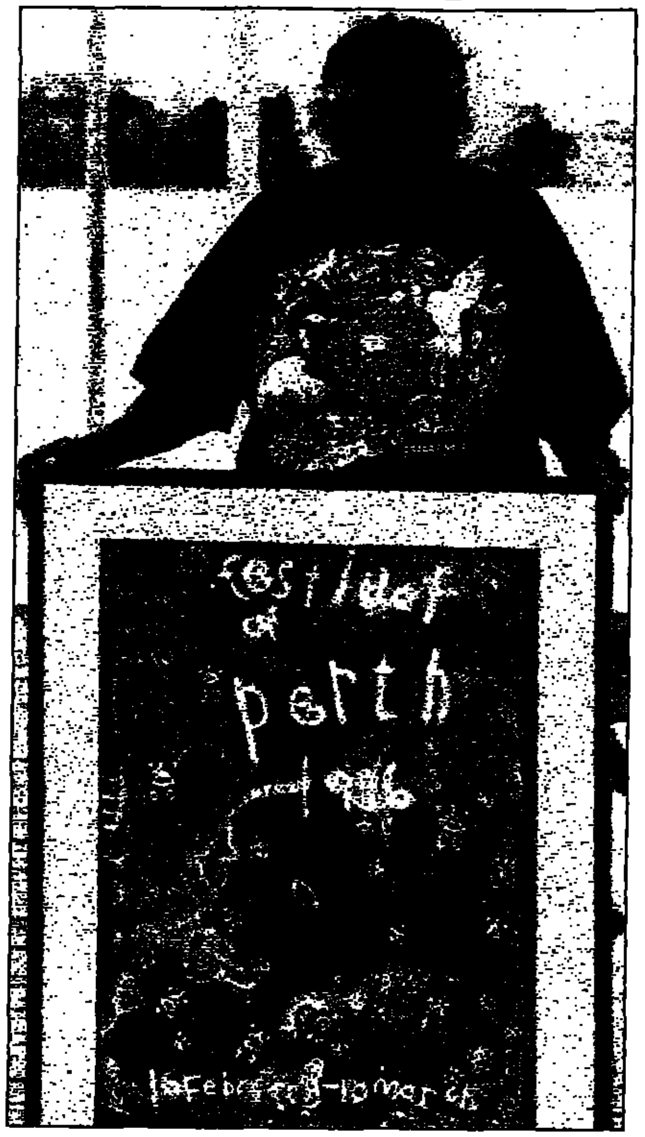
Australia plans festivals to change culture image

By Tony Dawe



Pantjiti Mary McLean's work will promote the Perth Festival

A CAMPAIGN was launched this week to convince tourists that they can find culture Down Under as well as sun and sand, fine wines and Castlemaine XXXX lager.

The Australian Tourist Commission has started to spread the word in Britain and across the Continent that 1996 will be the year to "experience the festivals of Oz".

The year will begin at the Perth Festival (February 14 to March 9) with 700 performances embracing classical concerts, Latin American music and dance, theatre and film.

"The first thing visitors to cities in Europe and America ask is 'what shows are we going to see?'," David Blenkinsop, director of the Perth Festival, said. "Those who go to Australia for sun and sand wonder what they are going to do in the evenings. They don't realise that they will be able to see theatre and dance companies."

To support the campaign, an exhibition of the work of Pantjiti Mary McLean, the Aboriginal artist commissioned to create the festival poster, opened at the Australian High Commission in The Strand, London, this week.

"We deliberately chose to have an Aboriginal artist with amazing imagination because many aspects of Aboriginal culture will be featured at the festival," Mr Blenkinsop said.

Visiting performers will include the Young Vic Company, which will offer last Christmas's London success, *Grimm Tales*, the Maly Theatre from St Petersburg, Russia, Teatro Buendia from Cuba and Australia's Bangarra Dance Theatre company.

This year's festival was attended by 662,000 people, with many going to more than one performance. However, only one in 20 was foreign visitors. Australian officials are therefore hoping that the newly launched campaign will help to attract more next year.

Oz hosts 200 special events

THE Perth Festival will be just one of 200 special events to form part of next year's "Festivals of Oz". Other international events will be held in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

While they promise top artists and musicians, smaller festivals will boast more bizarre attractions. Next November, New South Wales will stage the Bogong Moth Festival, a celebration of Aboriginal mythology and culture, while Alice Springs will host the waterless Henley on Todd regatta, held in a dry river bed.

Aspen slips up on hair code

INDUSTRIAL unrest on the mountain slopes of Colorado has been averted after the withdrawal of a short haircut code for ski-lift attendants, *Quentin Letts in New York writes.*

Aspen Skiing Company, which controls some of the most fashionable pistes in north America, tried to impose a staff grooming code which forbade ponytails, long or dyed hair, beards and sideburns. Jewellery was to be kept to a minimum and men were told not to wear earrings. The company argued that customers expected staff to be as immaculately groomed as Aspen's ski runs.

Following an outcry from the 2,600 employees, the code has now been withdrawn. The local newspaper's letters column carried numerous complaints, correspondents arguing that out-of-state skiers should adapt to Aspen's ways, not vice versa.

Pat O'Donnell, head of Aspen Skiing, said that the code had been withdrawn after "a respectful, thoughtful and businesslike" campaign by workers. Revised rules will now apply. "Ponytails are back in again," Mr O'Donnell said. "Our problem is the scraggly, unkempt beards on ski patrollers." The company managed to negotiate a retention of its ban on dyed hair and visible tattoos, but strong beards, goatees and sideburns will now be permitted. Staff will be allowed to wear a maximum of two earrings, and in return have agreed to work normally for the forthcoming season.

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Thailand visitors get drugs warning

This horror story might, at first sight, ring alarm bells for anyone thinking of taking a holiday in the Far East. It was recounted this week by 50-year-old Shirlee Cook from Ealing, who claims she was beaten up, had drugs planted on her, was fined, humiliated and then had to pay £5,500 to win her freedom from a Thai jail.

At first it seemed that the £1,298 holiday with Airtours to Phuket, Thailand, with short cruises to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Sumatra, would be the perfect antidote to the upset caused when her 48-year-old husband, Brian, was made redundant. But on the day before they were due to fly back to Britain, things went horribly wrong.

"We were in a bar in Patong and my husband had run out of cigarettes," Mrs Cook said. "While he was at the bar buying drinks I was approached by a young girl of about 15 selling cigarettes. I asked her for a packet of Marlboro and she said she would get me some. I handed her a wad of baht notes and when she came back she said that they did not have the brand. I put the money back in my shorts.

"Suddenly we were surrounded by six men all shouting and gesticulating at me and when I took the money out there was a small bag with green stuff in it."

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Eventually she was taken to a women's jail while her husband returned home, being urged to send more than £5,000 to secure the release of his wife.

While Mr Cook desperately tried to raise the cash and wire it to Thailand, Mrs Cook was brought before a court where, she understands, she was fined £25 and thought she would be freed.

But after two days in a hotel she was taken back to the police station where, she claims, a policeman beat her with a metal truncheon, blacking her eyes and causing severe bruising. She was eventually freed after her husband paid the money.

I do not intend to cast any doubt on her story. But why were two middle-aged British people in a transvestite bar in Patong, an area well known for its villains?

Mrs Cook admits to being abusive and swearing during the fracas — something which is not acceptable in Thai culture. Was this a wise move?

The Foreign Office is blunt in its warnings to Britons heading for Thailand: "Drugs are a real problem. We urge people to be extremely careful.

"There are 21 Britons in jail on drugs charges in Thailand and it is a severe, problem which the Thais themselves are trying to stamp out with very severe sentences, including the death penalty."

The message is clear. Enjoy Thailand, but be careful where you go and how you behave.

Harvey Elliott reports from the windswept Caribbean after the onslaught of Hurricane Luis

Battered Antigua is back in business

CREWS from British Airways's Caribbean-bound jumbo jets stayed in Antigua this week for the first time since Hurricane Luis devastated the holiday isle more than two months ago.

The storm, with winds of up to 170 miles an hour, smashed houses, hotels, churches and public buildings as it rampaged across the island during the worst hurricane season in the region for more than 50 years.

Among its victims was the Trade Winds hotel, high above Dickenson Bay on the northwest corner of Antigua, which had for years been a favourite stopover for resting BA crews, making the long flight to and from the West Indies.

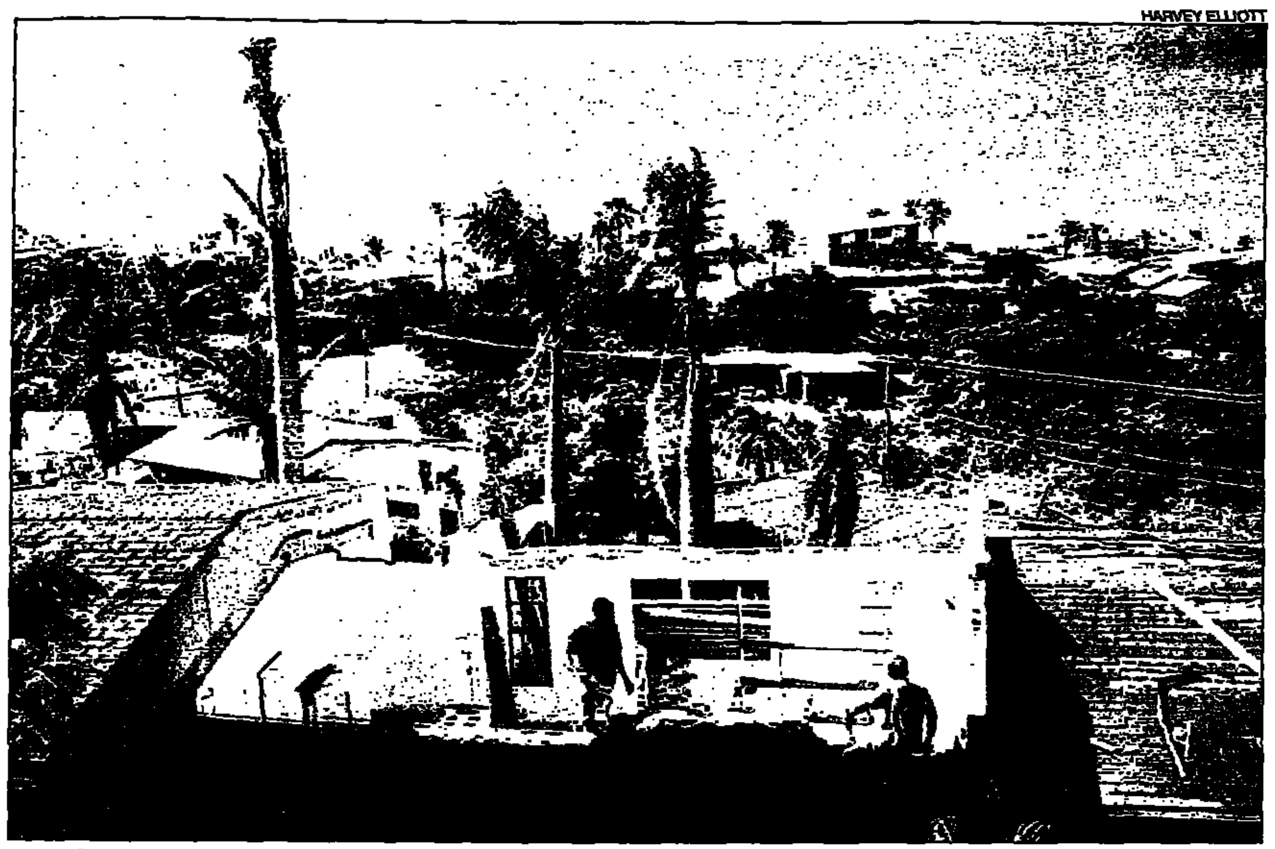
The hotel had a contract to supply 28 bedrooms a night to BA, turning Antigua into the main Caribbean "hub" for jets taking holidaymakers to other islands in the region. Since the hurricane the crews had changed over at St Lucia, Barbados or Grenada, touching down only briefly in Antigua on the return journey to refuel.

Trade Winds is a complete ruin with much of its main reception area reduced to matchwood, but on the beach, hundreds of feet below, the Rex Halcyon hotel is now open for business, so BA has switched its crew accommodation to the refurbished hotel.

For the people of Antigua the arrival of the BA crew coach on Tuesday was the first true indication that they were well on the way to recovery.

Tourists are responsible for 75 per cent of the island's earnings and by far the biggest provider of employment for the 65,000 inhabitants — almost the same number as the annual influx of British holidaymakers.

But nothing and no one escaped the force of the storm.



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Hold on to your hats: workmen carry out repairs to a Trade Winds apartment after the storm tore off the roof

Millions of palm trees were torn from the ground, every leaf on every tree which was left standing was ripped away, leaving stark, bare twigs and trunks, giving Antigua more the appearance of England in winter than of a lush tropical island.

Hundreds of homes were destroyed and rooms were filled with sand or muddy seawater which surged ashore in the tempest. Then something happened which, at first, the Antiguans regarded as a further disaster but now recognise as the beginning of the island's rebirth — Marilyn.

Just as the wreckage was being cleared and power restored to many areas, a second hurricane hit the Caribbean. The centre of Hurricane Marilyn missed Antigua but the vast swirling cloud around it dumped at least a foot of water, as if sprayed by a high pressure fireman's hose, onto the island. It washed away the salt deposits from the plants and the fields, pushed back towards the beaches much of the sand which had blocked many roads, and provided much needed nourishment for the vegetation. Incredibly the buds began sprouting, leaves appeared almost overnight and, by the middle of October, Antigua was green once more.

Many of the most popular hotels, such as Sandals, Club Antigua, Galleon Bay, Galley Bay, Pineapple Beach and Blue Waters, are in the process of being rebuilt or waiting for the gangs of workmen to move in.

But the first of the season's cruise ships are now nosing their way cautiously back into St John's harbour leaving thousands of passengers to shop in the old town. Antigua is back in business — almost.

Eurostar night service setback

By Steve Keenan

THE START of overnight Eurostar rail services from London Waterloo to several key European cities could be delayed until 1997.

Night services were originally planned to start in early 1996 from London to Dortmund, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Rotterdam and ten other cities in Holland and Germany.

The services will be crucial in building up Eurostar's share of the lucrative business market. But problems in building new carriages have caused serious delays of up to a year. "The current roll-out is for overnight services from regional cities in the UK to start in the second half of next year, so the London ones will be the back end of December 1996 or January 1997," says a spokesman.

The operators of Eurostar have ordered 139 carriages of differing types for overnight services from the UK. They include carriages with 50 reclining seats and separate lounge cars.

Separate sleeper cars will have ten cabins per carriage, six with *en-suite* shower rooms, with each cabin also having two armchairs and room service. But the Eurostar spokesman said problems have arisen in supplying enough power for the hotel-style carriages.

The carriages have been commissioned from manufacturer Metro-Cammell of Birmingham. Eurostar has built in compensation rates for late delivery.

"As far as we are concerned, they are the manufacturers and we expect them to meet delivery dates," added the Eurostar spokesman. A spokesman for the manufacturers was unavailable.

In addition to overnight services from the regions and London, Eurostar still expects to start daytime services from 18 UK regional cities to Paris and Brussels next summer.

The first overnight trains will operate from 24 UK cities to Paris from June or July, with London to follow.

From January 8, some daytime Waterloo departures will also stop at the new station at Ashford, Kent. Five a day from Waterloo already stop at Lille, connecting onto cities including Lyons, Dijon and Nice.

The build-up of services will continue throughout next year to 14-16 daily departures a day from London to Paris, from 11 at present. But the original plan to build the present six daily departures to Brussels to 15 is set to be shelved.

Eurostar is now looking to run departures from London to Disneyland Paris from midsummer and is considering daytime services to other cities in France, or Amsterdam.

War-torn Croatia woos the tourists

KRAJINA has reopened as a package holiday destination less than four months after Croatia wrested the region from the Bosnian Serbs, *Gill Williams writes.* Plitvice National Park in Krajina appears in the latest summer holiday range from Phoenix Holidays, a Croat tour operator.

The park stretches 8km through forest and pasture that surrounds a network of lakes and waterfalls. The Croats say they were relieved to discover that water supplies and facilities in this ecologically sensitive area had not been polluted or ruined by the retreating Bosnian Serb army.

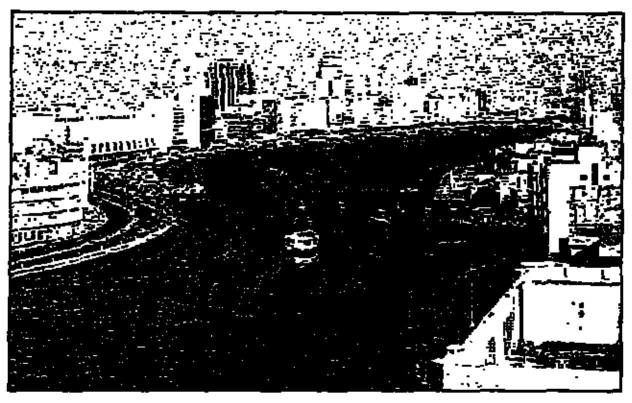
"The area is now clean and safe," says a Phoenix spokeswoman.

Two hotels in the Krajina Park will be included in Phoenix's summer range. A week's half-board holiday at the lakeside Hotel Bellevue will cost £445 in mid-August. The hotels have been returned to service as part of a programme to reopen tourist facilities. As Croatians trickle back to their rebuilt village homes, properties used as refugee housing for the past five years are being refurbished.

The most significant development will be the reopening of Dubrovnik airport to direct international flights next year for the first time since 1991. Phoenix will run charters from London and Manchester.

Niko Bulic, the tourism minister, said Croatia was making great efforts to convince holidaymakers the Balkan conflict had moved far away from tourist resorts. Tourism was beginning to return to pre-1991 normality. "Club Med is back on Croatia's coast with its village at Pakostane, and cruise ships are including the islands of Hvar and Korcula," he said.

Last year, 3.5 million tourists visited Croatia but a resumption in tourism this year was halted when Zagreb was bombed on May 7 and the Konavle Valley on the Dalmatian coast was attacked. The minister added that Dubrovnik, a World Heritage site, had been fully restored.



Agents love Dubai

DUBAI, above, has again emerged as the travel industry's own favourite holiday destination, *Harvey Elliott writes.* Lawson International — which provides cut-price holidays for staff who work for travel agents, tour operators or airlines — says that the Emirate has come top of the 15 "bestseller" league table for the second year in succession. The result is based on 12,500 bookings.

With the world to choose from, travel staff headed for Dubai, Barbados, the United States, France, Mauritius, Portugal and the Seychelles. But though surprise destinations such as Guernsey and Bermuda have suddenly appeared in the list, previously popular holiday spots such as Antigua, Hong Kong and Jamaica have been dropped.

● THE top 15 (last year's positions in brackets):

1	(1)	Dubai
2	(3)	Barbados
3	(11)	United States
4	(-)	France
5	(8)	Mauritius
6	(-)	Portugal
7	(4)	Seychelles
8	(6)	St Lucia
9	(5)	Thailand
10	(10)	Kenya
11	(-)	Bermuda
12	(-)	Guernsey
13	(-)	Cyprus
14	(-)	Australia
15	(12)	Bali

BA customers in costs crossfire

BUSINESS travellers could face higher fares because of conflict between travel agents and British Airways over who should bear distribution costs, *David Churchill writes.*

Leading business travel agents want Sir Colin Marshall, BA chairman, to scotch proposals that they say will increase their costs.

Richard Lovell, managing director of Carson Wagonlit Travel in the UK, said: "Having bought market share by offering good deals to corporate buyers when times were hard, the airlines are now trying to get their prices up again because of the higher numbers of business class passengers."

Eric Brannan, American Express's vice-president for European business travel operations, said: "Any more clawed back by BA would have to be passed on to corporate clients as the margins are too thin to do anything else."

The 38 members of the Guild of Business Travel Agents (GBTA), who deal with more than three-quarters of British company business travel, were surprised at the extent of the BA's plans to cut its distribution costs during a meeting with the airline's sales manager last week. Such costs typically account for about a quarter of the price of an airline ticket, and include advertising and promotion as well as commissions to travel agents.

Some airlines currently give agents payments above the normal 9 per cent commission in return for extra sales. But American carrier Delta and other airlines have already limited commission for travel agents in the United States.

BA wants to cap such payments and pass on credit-card charges to agents and introduce a penalty for providing tickets on departure.

A BA spokesman denied that there were any firm plans at present to limit commissions or impose other charges on agents. It said it planned to hold further meetings with the GBTA and individual travel agencies.

Virgin wins top hotel award

RICHARD BRANSON's Crathorne Hall Hotel in Yarm, North Yorkshire, was this week named as the AA Hotel of the Year in England. The hotel, one of the last great stately homes of the Edwardian era is the flagship of Branson's Virgin Group of hotels. It has 37 bedrooms and offers country house pursuits such as clay pigeon shooting and fishing.

The AA's top hotel in Wales was the hotel Port Merion. The Scottish winner was the Cameron House Hotel, along the banks of Loch Lomond. Irish winner was Ballynahinch Castle set in 350 acres in Connemara.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

- ● The Court of Appeal has ordered the Association of British Travel Agents to repay a £10 insurance premium to a schoolgirl, Emma Bowerman, of Pinner, north London, after the company she had booked a holiday to France with went bust. Abta will now have to settle another 25,000 cases at a cost of £250,000.
- ● Excalibur Airways, one of Britain's last remaining independent charter airlines, is to be taken over by Globespan, of Edinburgh.
- ● London hotel guests are being asked to fill in an "honesty book" when they take drinks from the lounge bar. David Naylor-Leyland, of the Egerton House Hotel, Knightsbridge, says Americans are the most honest.
- ● Blunsdon House Hotel, in Swindon has installed phoneless telephone booths to stop mobile phones from being used in public areas.
- ● Tomorrow British Airways will be holding the world's biggest smoked salmon tasting, to determine who wins a £1 million contract to supply 60 tonnes of smoked salmon a year consumed in flight.
- ● A visit to the Pushkin museum in Moscow to see the so-called Treasure of Priam, discovered at Troy in 1872, is the latest attraction on offer from British Museum Tours, 46 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1 3QQ (0171-323 8895).

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Making the most of the state system

Many parents still opt for the local comprehensive, says **John O'Leary**

Choosing a state school used to be easy: you didn't. The local authority allocated a place in the neighbourhood comprehensive and you hoped for the best.

That should have changed with the Government's education reforms, in which diversity and parental choice have been the driving forces. Parents have acquired new rights and, in urban areas at least, schools are having to compete for children.

Grant-maintained schools have entered the equation, local authority boundaries have ceased to matter and selection has begun to make a comeback in many areas. But, with popular schools heavily oversubscribed, choice is at best restricted. So how are parents to pick the right school and win a place?

The league tables alone will not do the trick — although they should help. And neither will local gossip, which may be out of date. Schools can change rapidly, but it often takes years to establish a new reputation.

As with any decision, there is no substitute for direct contact. Most state schools will have held open evenings for prospective parents by now, but it is not too late to request a visit. Indeed, the school's reaction will be one good test of its ethos and the welcome your child can expect.

Go armed with questions: one school can look much like another unless you know what you are looking for. If a child has a particular interest, for instance in music or sport, those facilities are an obvious starting point. The booklets for each local authority give an indication of a school's character not only in terms of GCSE and A-level results, but also for vocational courses and provision for children with special needs.

Other revealing statistics are to be found in annual reports, which are now required to detail national curriculum test results and the destination of leavers. In schools with sixth forms, the numbers going to university (and which ones) are especially important.

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The other main source of information for parents is an inspectors' report, which is available from schools or over the Internet. About half of all secondary schools have been visited by Ofsted teams. Ask for the full report, rather than the much less revealing summary.

In any school, the head teacher sets the tone for the school. Try to see him or her, however briefly, even though your tour of the premises is more likely to be with a more junior member of staff, or even a pupil. Ask, too, about the turnover of teachers.

City technology colleges and grant-maintained schools will quickly alert parents to their status, although neither should be confused with grammar schools, which may or may not have opted out of local authority control. It is worth asking those keeping town-hall links what the advantages are.

Almost nine out of ten parents do get their first choice of state school for their children. But many do not look beyond their nearest comprehensive. Research shows that proximity to home is the top priority for most parents, and that good discipline is at least as important as good examination results.

In areas with selective schools, however, children often travel long distances. Some heads discourage long journeys because they tire children and can prevent them joining in after-school activities.

TOMORROW

Gillian Shephard on choice
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Selection is back

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BARRY GREENWOOD

Finding a place: competition is intense for children trying to get into high-performing state schools such as Stockport Grammar

The catch is still in the catchment

Parents may have choice but geography remains the key, says **David Charter**

The great catch with parental choice in state schools is that geography still governs the vast majority of admissions. Catchment areas usually dictate the priority of applications and has led to reports of parents using relatives' addresses to jump the queue for popular schools.

However the message from schools is that they are becoming increasingly wise to the use of a grandparent's or business address, checking carefully with electoral registers and primary schools before offering places. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) has received legal advice that councils could prosecute parents who lie about their address to get their children into a school.

Parents are also being warned by local authorities that applying further afield puts at risk their child's place at their local secondary school. Hampshire County Council, for example, will not hold an automatic "fall-back" place for parents who fail to get their child into a popular distant school.

Parents who go farther afield are likely to find their local authority refuses to pay transport costs. Councils are only duty-bound to pay travel fees within the child's catchment area.

Schools over-subscribed from their catchment area turn to a list of other prioritising factors, such as siblings already at the school and medical or social grounds. Church schools often serve wider geographical areas and have rules giving precedence to, for example, practising Catholics.

Most opted-out schools retain their historical catchment areas. Andrew Turner, director of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, says: "What has tended to happen is that their catchment areas have shrunk because almost all pupils from nearby want to go to the school. Some have changed in favour of some selection which would take preference over geography but usually geography is still important as a tie-breaker."

Geography assumed greater importance than local authority boundaries in 1989, when the High Court ruled in the "Greenwich judgment" that council borders should not bar applications from parents in neighbouring LEAs.

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads Association, says: "If you do not live in the right place, it is virtually impossible to get into a popular school."

Different authorities will have different sets of entry criteria, he says. "In one place the top priority may be where you live, in another it may be which primary school you went to, in another it may be where the buses go."

Where catchment areas rule, parents will need a compelling reason to persuade a school to take an out-of-area child.

David Whitbread, from the AMA, refers to the case of the policeman who successfully argued that he did not want his child going to the local school because it was in the area he patrolled, and he might encounter his child's classmates in the course of his duties. "It shows that, in such cases, you have got to find some reason for beating geography."

When a school turns you down

The annual chase for places at popular state schools is growing ever more frantic. The advent of examination league tables, the expansion of grant-maintained schools and ministerial exhortations for parents to exercise choice have fuelled applications to schools with glowing reputations.

However, parents are legally entitled only to express a preference about a school — there is no guarantee this will be met. The clearest indicator of the intense competition for places at some schools is the surge of appeals from parents refused their first choice. Official figures show that appeals rose from just over 10,000 in 1988 to almost 42,000 in 1993.

Parents embarking on an appeal will need huge reserves of stamina as the procedures can prove long and taxing. Even so, one third of appeals succeed.

When parents are notified that a school cannot take their child, the local authority (or governing body in grant maintained schools) should explain its decision and provide instructions and a form to lodge an appeal.

In making an appeal, it is important for parents to be specific about why they want their child to attend and why the school on offer is unsatisfactory. Arguments might include a strong preference for a school specialising in music or a foreign language. Other reasons for an appeal might include strong family associations with a school; brother or sister already there; strong single-sex preference; or religious ties.

If parents cite medical, psychological or social reasons they should include a report from a doctor or social worker. A particularly difficult journey may, for example, have medical implications for some children.

Formal appeals are heard by an independent committee, usually comprising local authority representatives and governors. They are heard in private and it is in the parents' interest to attend. The authority puts its case first. Both sides are allowed to ask questions.

The decision of the committee is binding but if an appeal is not successful putting a child's name on the waiting list may still work.

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BEN PRESTON

HOW SCHOOLS IN WALES COMPARE IN GCSE AND A-LEVEL PERFORMANCE

Three-quarters of Welsh schools improved their GCSE results this year to boost the overall number of pupils with five good grades from 39 to 41 cent. The average points tally for A-level students remained at 15, although numbers of pupils staying on in education continued to rise, from two-thirds of 16-year-olds in 1991 to three-quarters.

As with the English and Scottish tables, printed in *The Times* last Tuesday, there is a widening gap between top and bottom. Eleven per cent of Welsh pupils failed to get a single GCSE pass, up from 10 per cent last year.

The best Welsh local authority for GCSE was Powys, where half of pupils gained five or more A to Cs at GCSE. The worst was Gwent on 37 per cent. South Glamorgan had the most pupils, 13 per cent, without any GCSE passes: Dyfed performed best with 8 per cent.

At A level, Mid-Glamorgan pupils gained an average of 13 points each, the lowest success rate. Dyfed, Powys and South and West Glamorgan all scored an average 16 points.

Truancy rates are not published here but are in the detailed tables available from local authorities. The worst were in Mid and South Glamorgan with 2.5 per cent of half-days missed.

Further education colleges, where candidates taking at least two A levels gained 13 points on average, are also included in the detailed tables. The best Welsh colleges were: Pembrokeshire College in Dyfed (averaging 17 A-level points per candidate): Gorseinon College in West Glamorgan (16) and Swansea College in West Glamorgan (15).

The top independent schools for pupils gaining five good GCSEs (excluding schools with less than 20 candidates) were Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls (100 per cent), Howell's School in Denbigh (100 per cent) and Monmouth School (98 per cent).

The top GCSE state schools were Cardiff High (80 per cent), Bishopston Comprehensive in Swansea (73 per cent) and Caereinion High in Powys (73 per cent).

In today's tables schools are ranked by authority in order of GCSE performance. The penultimate column shows aggregate GCSE performance over 1992-94. An asterisk shows figures have been excluded for reasons of confidentiality where there were fewer than five pupils taking the exams.

DAVID CHARTER

KEY TO TABLES: NE — no entries; NA — not applicable; * — see above; Independent schools in **bold type**; Special schools in *italics*.

CLWYD

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
Rydal Senior	56	19	65	92	80	88
St Brigid's	NE	NA	15	100	58	87
Howell's	29	22	36	92	88	86
Ruthin	18	14	25	92	75	80
Penrhos College	23	18	39	77	80	77
Eirias High	44	19	191	93	43	63
Ysgol Brynhyfryd	60	18	169	96	51	62
Ysgol Morgan Llwyd	27	14	85	84	54	60
Darland High	NE	NA	117	92	44	56
Hawarden High	59	16	183	97	47	54
Argoed	NE	NA	109	97	45	53
Castell Alun High	39	17	189	94	51	53
St David's High	NE	NA	225	86	48	53
The Maelor	20	12	95	95	51	52
Mold Alun	108	16	249	89	43	51
Ysgol Maes Garmon	48	15	112	92	46	48
Denbigh High	40	19	155	82	38	47
Ysgol Uwchradd Glan Clwyd	39	15	154	90	41	45
Flint High	13	12	100	89	28	44
Ysgol Bryn Alyn	NE	NA	174	84	27	44
Elfed High	32	17	130	86	37	43
St Richard Gwyn RC High	55	12	195	88	38	43
Connah's Quay High	16	9	103	90	25	39
Prestatyn High	70	14	254	92	39	39
Ysgol Bryn Elian	20	11	113	92	37	38
Ysgol Bryn Offa	NE	NA	218	82	37	38
Ysgol Dinas Bran	31	19	124	85	40	38
St David's High	15	9	110	92	35	37
Holywell High	37	15	180	80	29	33
St Joseph's RC High	NE	NA	95	88	41	33
Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan	53	11	164	63	24	32
Blessed Edward Jones RC	21	8	102	79	35	31
Ysgol Rhiwabon	25	14	102	78	27	31
Ysgol-Y-Grango	NE	NA	155	78	30	28
The Groves High	NE	NA	173	61	25	27
John Summers High	4	*	84	80	20	26
Rhyl High	32	11	207	72	21	20
Ysgol Tallryn	NE	NA	10	0	0	0
Ysgol Tir Morfa	NE	NA	25	0	0	0
Bryn Glas	NE	NA	2	*	*	*

DYFED

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
Llandovery College	33	14	27	85	60	74
Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin	43	19	99	94	68	69
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade	38	14	101	94	52	69
St Michael's	16	19	44	82	77	68
Ysgol Pantycelyn	25	16	62	95	48	66
Lampeter CS	24	13	107	88	43	64
Ysgol Gyfun Maes Yr Yrfa	34	15	117	86	47	64
Netherwood School	NE	NA	16	94	45	63
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig	36	18	93	89	53	63
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron	64	15	155	86	53	61
Ysgol Gyfun Dyffryn Taf	31	17	153	92	43	59
Ysgol Gyfun Dyffryn Teifi	39	15	96	92	60	55
Sir Thomas Picton Comp	64	19	192	92	46	54
Cardigan County Secondary	37	13	113	86	47	53
Ysgol Gyfun Ddwyieithog Y Preseli	36	15	99	84	54	52
Queen Elizabeth Maridunum	29	13	125	74	45	50
Penglais Comp	45	23	171	80	47	49
Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn	27	17	109	85	42	49
Greenhill Comp	76	11	231	87	44	48
Queen Elizabeth Cambria	53	18	144	83	46	48
Fishguard High	49	14	146	88	50	47
Ysgol Gyfun Tregib	29	17	152	73	45	47
Amman Valley Comp	67	12	235	83	41	44
Pembroke Comp	56	15	231	87	35	40
Ysgol Dewi Sant	14	16	65	92	37	40
Milford Haven Comp	68	13	229	80	35	39
St John Lloyd RC Comp	NE	NA	72	78	31	39
Bryngwyn Comp	NE	NA	204	73	40	38
Tasker Milward Comp	54	21	196	86	46	38
Glan-Y-Mor Comp	NE	NA	124	77	37	36
Ysgol Uwchradd Tregaron	16	14	52	56	49	35
Gwendraeth Valley Comp	23	11	106	84	31	33
Graig Comp	NE	NA	89	69	32	28
Coedcae Comp	NE	NA	175	75	23	27
Ysgol Rhydygors	NE	NA	12	0	0	0

GWENT

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
H'dashers Monmouth Girls	69	24	92	100	95	100
Monmouth School	81	22	81	98	96	98
Rougemont	33	22	40	93	76	93
Caerleon Comp	103	17	242	92	58	60
Bassaleg Comp	106	19	227	89	58	58
Monmouth Comp	74	17	244	88	48	58
Chepstow Comp	63	15	180	90	45	53
King Henry VIII Comp	67	16	231	78	39	50
Croesyceiliog Comp	70	19	229	84	40	48
Oakdale Comp	NE	NA	162	81	38	43
St Alban's RC Comp	22	17	109	75	39	43
West Monmouth Comp	NE	NA	219	84	46	43
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	14	15	71	92	45	42
Blackwood Comp	NE	NA	157	75	32	41
Caldicot Comp	47	14	252	85	38	40
Cwmcarn GM	NE	NA	47	87	15	38
Abersychan Comp	NE	NA	150	80	32	36
Risca Comp	NE	NA	137	78	28	36
Brynmawr Comp	21	13	105	70	30	35
Newbridge Comp	NE	NA	152	73	35	35
Pontllanfraith Comp	NE	NA	164	74	30	35
Tredegar Comp	15	12	189	71	26	35
Fairwater Comp	38	16	228	73	31	33
St Joseph's Comp	43	11	153	76	28	31
St Julian's Comp	51	10	201	67	31	31
Abertillery Comp	NE	NA	181	71	22	29
Bettws High	22	13	215	73	21	27
Llantarnam Comp	30	12	172	74	27	25
Trevethin Comp	NE	NA	96	69	19	24
Ebbw Vale Senior Comp	40	12	263	70	22	23
Lliswerry Comp	30	11	207	63	20	22
Nantyglo Comp	42	10	124	69	11	22
Duffryn Comp	23	8	153	70	18	20
Hartridge Comp	15	11	173	50	16	16
Mounton House Special	NE	NA	24	0	0	0
Glanyrafon Junior Comp	NE	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Glyncoed Comp	NE	NA	0	NA	NA	NA

GWYNEDD

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
Tower House	NE	NA	8	100	88	88
St Gerards School Trust	17	17	27	100	69	85
Ysgol Tryfan	27	18	97	82	45	54
Hillgrove	NE	NA	15	87	43	53
Ysgol David Hughes	84	17	212	93	56	53
Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle	19	19	74	81	43	53
Ysgol Y Creuddyn	33	20	97	97	54	53
Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn	NE	NA	74	93	45	51
Ysgol Aberconwy	28	11	116	85	39	49
Ysgol Friars	56	17	137	84	37	47
Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni	30	13	143	80	39	46
Ysgol Eifionydd	NE	NA	108	80	35	45
Ysgol John Bright	30	12	175	83	33	45
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones	36	16	173	86	48	44
Ysgol Brynrefail	27	13	98	92	42	43
Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy	31	12	139	84	43	42
Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern	19	12	121	83	34	42
Ysgol Y Berwyn	NE	NA	73	85	40	42
Indefatigable (closed)	NE	NA	29	83	25	41
Ysgol Glan Y Mor	NE	NA	139	90	43	40
Ysgol Y Gader	NE	NA	70	80	44	40
Ysgol Y Moelwyn	NE	NA	85	82	30	38
Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen	15	11	71	79	29	37
Ysgol Ardudwy	NE	NA	94	90	37	36
Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen	53	13	198	78	33	35
St David's College	22	11	41	88	46	34
Ysgol Botwnnog	NE	NA	83	87	44	34
Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi	33	13	216	81	25	28
Ysgol Treborth	NE	NA	9	0	0	0
Ysgol Y Bont	NE	NA	11	0	0	0

MID GLAMORGAN

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
St Clare's Convent (Senior)	13	16	36	83	75	75
Porthcawl Comp	65	15	176	81	43	53
Brynteg Comp	112	16	290	88	50	51
Bryntirion Comp	40	13	145	85	41	50
Y Pant Comp	30	20	123	84	47	50
Ysgol Gyfun Cymer Rhondda	17	13	94	88	NA	49
Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari	65	16	202	89	44	48
St John Baptist CIW Comp	54	17	123	90	55	46
Aberdare Girls' Comp	22	11	119	87	31	43
Cardinal Newman RC Comp	37	13	137	90	42	43
Bryncelynnog Comp	83	14	253	80	36	40
Archbishop Mcgrath	16	13	62	84	26	39
Bishop Hedley High	18	12	88	83	28	39
Pencoed Comp	58	15	194	82	35	38
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen	34	15	164	87	38	35
Aberdare Boys' Comp	33	14	146	73	33	34
Blaengwawr Comp	24	10	124	73	26	34
Cyfarthfa High	58	16	168	81	38	34
St Cenydd Comp	30	11	155	71	33	34
Heolddu Comp	41	12	136	76	29	33
Lewis Girls' Comp	35	18	177	80	31	33
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni	34	16	144	87	37	33
Bedwas Comp	27	12	138	75	27	32
Pen-Y-Dre High	24	13	192	66	15	32
St Martin Comp	27	11	126	79	37	32
Hawthorn High	26	12	184	76	24	31
Treorchy Comp	52	10	222	71	28	31
Lewis Boys' Comp	23	13	165	63	20	29
Ogmore Comp	15	11	123	69	14	28
Rhymney Comp	19	9	107	79	17	28
Tonyrefail Comp	25	13	193	66	22	28
Tonypandy Comp	28	9	171	70	17	26
Coedylan Comp	47	11	194	71	26	25
Maesteg Comp	41	15	213	60	28	25
Ynysawdre Comp	27	9	135	63	18	25
Afon Taf High	45	8	213	71	23	22
Porth Comp	26	13	211	68	21	22
Cynffig Comp	30	16	146	73	22	21
St Ilan	18	8	149	73	23	21
Ferndale Comp	14	9	150	65	18	19
Bedwellty Comp	6	11	96	59	15	18
Mountain Ash Comp	14	14	208	58	14	16
Vaynor And Penderyn	12	7	52	56	14	15
Ysgol Castell Newydd	NE	NA	9	0	0	0
Wyclif Indep Christian	NE	NA	1	*	*	*

POWYS

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
St David's	NE	NA	7	100	NA	100
Christ College	64	20	46	93	81	85
Caereinion High	22	21	81	98	50	73
Llanidloes High	14	20	79	100	42	61
Llanfyllin High	30	19	107	89	54	60
Crickhowell High	56	14	100	91	58	59
Llandrindod High	54	18	125	82	45	57
Newtown High	44	15	175	84	34	50
Brecon High	39	16	140	78	43	48
Gwernyfed High	17	16	101	89	42	48
Builth Wells High	29	14	85	86	42	46
John Beddoes County Sec	10	20	110	78	41	46
Ysgol Bro Ddyfi	12	18	64	92	36	41
Welshpool High	25	16	126	84	36	37
Maesydderwen Comp	21	14	107	73	28	34
Pentwyn	NE	NA	4	*	*	*

SOUTH GLAMORGAN

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
Ely Presbyterian Church	NE	NA	6	100	NA	100
Howell's School	67	20	82	100	96	100
Westbourne	NE	NA	9	100	76	100
New College	4	59	25	96	93	96
Our Lady's Convent	NE	NA	29	93	70	83
Cardiff High	110	19	189	97	69	80
St Johns College	NE	NA	29	86	71	76
Cowbridge Comp	101	18	192	97	62	72
Radyr Comp	93	17	200	98	63	71
Kings Monkton	14	15	33	88	62	70
Bishop Of Llandaff CIW	120	17	181	98	67	69
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf	76	17	180	88	66	62
St Teilo's CIW High	54	12	160	90	46	59
Llanishen High	76	17	271	94	50	58
Stanwell Comp	86	17	171	91	48	57
Corpus Christi RC High	NE	NA	190	88	50	53
St Cyres Comp	77	16	233	85	47	52
Whitchurch High	108	16	324	87	43	47
Llantwit Major	44	13	152	78	35	41
Bryn Hafren Comp	48	14	257	74	34	37
St Richard Gwyn RC High	NE	NA	100	77	30	29
Llanedeyrn High	NE	NA	172	77	22	28
Mary Immaculate RC High	NE	NA	119	73	27	28
Barry Boys' Comp	40	11	281	67	22	24
Cantonian High	29	11	193	72	21	24
St Illtyds RC High	NE	NA	131	65	19	22
Cathays High	18	8	181	63	20	21
Rumney High	NE	NA	203	68	20	21
Fitzalan High	34	6	213	53	13	20
Llanrumney High	NE	NA	167	57	17	20
Glyn Derw High	NE	NA	63	49	11	17
Willows High	NE	NA	127	60	9	6
Glan Ely High	8	7	122	51	8	5
Ashgrove School for the Deaf	NE	NA	7	0	0	0
Greenhill Special	NE	NA	9	0	0	0
Ysgol Maes Dyfan	NE	NA	4	*	*	*

WEST GLAMORGAN

	A level cands	A level points per pupil	No of 15 year olds	% 1 or more GCSE pass	1992-94 % five A-C GCSEs	1995 %five A-C GCSEs
Ffynone House	3	*	36	94	82	83
Bishopston Comp	NE	NA	177	97	65	73
Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr	NE	NA	100	96	66	69
Olchfa Comp	160	19	285	93	61	66
Bishop Gore Comp	68	15	262	82	43	50
Bishop Vaughan Cath Comp	47	13	172	87	40	48
Gowerton Comp	60	16	227	83	46	48
Dwr-Y-Felin Comp	NE	NA	275	77	41	46
St Joseph's RC Comp	28	11	128	72	36	42
Dyffryn Comp	NE	NA	153	76	33	40
Glanafan Comp	NE	NA	117	69	32	38
Pontarddulais Comp	NE	NA	153	81	41	38
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	65	15	141	82	48	38
Penyrheol Comp	NE	NA	180	80	41	37
Birchgrove Comp	NE	NA	179	81	40	36
Cefn Saeson Comp	NE	NA	185	79	32	36
Mynyddbach Comp	NE	NA	107	74	27	35
Morriston Comp	32	15	182	77	34	34
Ysgol Pentrehafod	NE	NA	229	79	26	34
Cymer Afan Comp	NE	NA	83	65	23	29
Cwmtawe Comp	43	12	156	65	30	28
Penlan Comp (Boys School)	NE	NA	109	64	18	26
Cwrt Sart Comp	NE	NA	129	71	23	21
Llangatwg Comp	NE	NA	205	64	26	21
Cefn Hengoed Comp	NE	NA	218	59	13	18
Dillwyn Llewelyn Comp	NE	NA	124	56	21	18
Dynevor Comp	NE	NA	93	54	10	10
Sandfields Comp	NE	NA	147	47	14	13

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Kempton abandons costly all-weather plan

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

AN AMBITIOUS plan to build a world-class all-weather track with floodlighting at Kempton Park has been shelved indefinitely because of the enormous cost and threat posed to National Hunt racing at the outer London racecourse.

At least £30 million would have had to be spent on a new glass-fronted grandstand, moving the existing racecourse, implementing traffic schemes and building the new track — part of which would have been laid on a causeway built through the middle of the lake in the infield at Kempton.

After ten months spent investigating numerous options, discussing ideas with planners, assessing the commercial possibilities, and even considering an appeal to the Millenium fund, United Racecourses (UR) announced yesterday that the development project is a non-starter for the foreseeable future.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Algan takes advantage of Barton Bank's blunder to land last season's King George VI Chase at Kempton, where jump racing has been safeguarded

David Hillyard, managing director of Racecourse Holdings Trust, the wholly-owned Jockey Club subsidiary which bought UR — Kempton, Sandown and Epsom — for £30.25 million in April 1994, said the cost was a "killer".

"We are running a business and this is a business decision. I don't believe there is any racing project of this magnitude — even if we had doubled our existing fixtures to 50 — which would have stood up," he said.

"There would have needed to be a significant amount of commercial development within the total project. We thought planning was likely to be difficult on that and so it proved."

He added: "We have a responsibility not just to our own business but to racing as well. To have invested in a project of this magnitude because it seemed an exciting thing to do, when we could not say it was a sensible commercial decision, would have been irresponsible. We would have been in danger of creating a white elephant."

The Kempton committee, chaired by Andrew Wates, which investigated the various options, began with the idea of a £15 million project and if the increase in fixtures had helped to provide an extra £1.5 million revenue a year it may have been possible.

However, the problems and costs soon began to pile up. All the main options involved relocating the existing grandstand and spectator facilities, and changing the configuration of the present turf track. The bill for that alone would have been £20 million, with an extra £10 million required for the new track.

In addition, no scheme could be devised to combine top quality all-weather racing — nearest to the spectators — with jump racing. As the months ticked by, the climate withing racing also changed against extra fixtures.

Although UR made an operating profit of £1.4 million last year and is due to make £1.6 million this year, RHT took on new bank borrowing of £17 million to buy the three racetracks.

Having shelved any idea of a substantial development, Kempton will embark next year on refurbishing existing facilities in an attempt to lure back spectators. Attendances have fallen by six per cent during the past year.

Meanwhile, UR is also carrying out a significant management shake-up which will see Edward Gillespie released from his responsibilities as managing director so he can concentrate on promoting Cheltenham, where a new £10 million grandstand for the Tattersalls' enclosure is due to begin next year — and reviving the Derby at Epsom.

Hillyard stressed it had always been the intention for Gillespie to be UR managing director for a limited period after the takeover, before concentrating his entrepreneurial skills and flair on the Derby.

Michael Webster, who has been with UR for 16 years, will be leaving in due course after internal changes which will see Epsom, Kempton and Sandown taking over various responsibilities from a central racing department.

TAUNTON

THUNDERER
1.00 Wayfarers Way
1.30 Yubralee
2.00 Larry's Lord
2.30 Northern Starlight
3.00 Mr Pickpocket
3.30 The Black Monk

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 BLAIR CASTLE.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 ORCHARD FM 24 HOUR LOCAL NEWS & TRAVEL NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,566: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 311F43 BLAIR CASTLE 12 (D,F) (Highflyers) G Balding 4-11-10 B Clifford ●
2 111-000 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 11 (F,S) (N T Racing Syndicate) D Williams 4-11-10 G Hogan (3) 85
3 03 ALLOW 9 (Mrs M Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 4-11-0 D Matthews (5) 59
4 ART TATUM 181F (A Memit) R Hannon 4-11-0 G McCourt –
5 02 COXWELL STEPTOE 16 (M R Allsopp) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 J F Titley 86
6 GLAD SHE'S GONE (G West) J Poulton 4-11-0 A Thornton –
7 R HAWKER HUNTER 12 (Dr G Madan Mohan) C Egerton 4-11-0 J A McCarthy –
8 WAYFARERS WAY 89F (Lady Tennant) N Henderson 4-11-0 J R Kavanagh –
9 DOUCE MAISON 17F (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-10-9 A Larnach (5) –
10 DUALITY 545F (Mrs G Greco) S Cole 4-10-9 R Bellamy –
11 MISS SPENT YOUTH 80F (J Marsott) R Hodges 4-10-9 J Harris (7) –
12 2F3 MOONLIGHT AIR 7 (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 4-10-9 D Bridgwater 84
13 UFP9- PLUM FANCY 188 (Mrs J Welch) R Frost 7-10-9 J Frost –
14 PRIDE OF HAYLING 31F (B Broomfield) P Hedger 4-10-9 B Powell –

BETTING: 3-1 Hawker Hunter, 9-2 Blair Castle, 5-1 Wayfarers Way, Art Tatum, 6-1 Moonlight Air, 10-1 Coxwell Steptoe, 14-1 others.

1994: PLAY GAMES 6-10-12 J A McCarthy (5-1) Lady Eliza Mays-Smith 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAIR CASTLE 5l 3rd to Mandys Mantino in grade II novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good) with HAWKER HUNTER (10lb better off) ran out after 2nd. SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 46l 9th to Windward Ariom in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to soft). ALLOW 36l 3rd to Mouse Bird in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). COXWELL STEPTOE 2½l 2nd to Nothingtodowithme in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, firm). MOONLIGHT AIR 3¼l 3rd to Zaphyrus in Warwick novice hurdle (2m, good).
Selection: BLAIR CASTLE (nap)

1.30 ORCHARD FM, MOST LISTENED TO IN SOMERSET JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,875: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 361 YUBRALEE 25 (G) (D Johnson) M Pipe 11-4 D Bridgwater ●
2 324 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 26 (B) (Highbrook Racing) J White 10-12 D Bentley 91
3 6 CANTE CHICO 22 (Miss K Phillipps) T Thomson Jones 10-12 G McCourt –
4 FORTUNES LEAP 110F (M & N Plant Ltd) Mrs L Murphy 10-12 J F Titley –
5 35 HANDSON 33 (Burrow Racing) B Millman 10-12 D Salter (5) 87
6 0 JACKATACK 10 (V) (Pr Taplin) M Channon 10-12 A Thornton –
7 U KREEF 40 (H S Racing) R Curtis 10-12 D Morris –
8 0 LEES PLEASE 9F (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 10-12 D O'Sullivan –
9 PHARLY REEF 12F (V Guy) D Burchell 10-12 D J Burchell –
10 0 SASTRUGI 33 (G Roberts) A Carroll 10-12 B Powell –
11 R2 NOBLE BALLERINA 23 (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 10-7 A Larnach 84
12 RACHEL ANN (W Morris) J Bradley 10-7 R Farrant –
13 SHARP HOLLY 15F (D Spencefey) J Bennett 10-7 W McFarland –
14 0 SULABELL 26 (G Small) R Hodges 10-7 A Tory –

BETTING: 6-4 Yubralee, 4-1 Alka International, 6-1 Cante Chico, 8-1 Noble Ballerina, 10-1 Handson, 12-1 others.

1994: NORDIC CROWN 10-13 R Dunwoody (2-5 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

YUBRALEE beat Coneygree 2l in Warwick selling novice hurdle (2m, good) with ALKA INTERNATIONAL (6lb better off) 11½l 4th and SULABELL (6lb better off) 28½l 11th. ALKA INTERNATIONAL 1¾l 2nd to Sigly in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, firm) penultimate start. CANTE CHICO 40½l 6th to Vario in Haydock novice hurdle (2m, good to firm). HANDSON 18½l 3rd to Dominion's Dream in Wincanton claiming novice hurdle (2m, good to firm) penultimate start. NOBLE BALLERINA 6l 2nd to Peter Monamy in Exeter selling novice hurdle (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm) with LEES PLEASE 39l 7th.
Selection: YUBRALEE

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider B — brought down. S — slipped up R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.00 ORCHARD FM CLASSIC HIT RADIO HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,453: 3m) (7 runners)

1 124302 ANDRELOT 7 (B,F,G) (H Jones) P Bowen 8-12-0 G Tormey (3) 87
2 15222-2 TOUREEN PRINCE 54 (D,G,S) (P Stamp) Miss H Knight 12-11-12 R Farrant 90
3 F114-32 DUHALLOW LODGE 22 (G,S) (H Spack) C Barwell 8-11-7 D Bridgwater 95
4 23F-0F5 SCOTONI 12 (F,G,S) (D B & D J Robinson) R O'Sullivan 9-10-3 D O'Sullivan 90
5 2113-F1 LARRY'S LORD 7 (F,G,S) (Marten Julian (Turf Club) Ltd) P Nicholls 6-10-2 B Powell ●
6 /02F13- FULL OF OATS 250 (S) (I MacDonald) Miss H Knight 9-10-1 J F Titley 92
7 5P11F4- BRAMPTON BERTIE 174 (F) (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 6-10-0 G Upton 94

Long handicap: Brampton Bertie 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Larry's Lord, 7-2 Andrelot, 9-2 Toureen Prince, 5-1 Full Of Oats, 8-1 Duhallow Lodge, Brampton Bertie, 14-1 Scotoni.

1994: L'UOMO PIU 10-10-6 B Powell (6-1) A Barrow 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANDRELOT 1l 2nd of 7 to Toogood To Be True in handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good). TOUREEN PRINCE 25l 2nd of 5 to Giamol in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). DUHALLOW LODGE 1l 2nd of 7 to Gilpa Valo in handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to firm).
SCOTONI dist 5th of 6 to Go Universal in handicap chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good to firm). LARRY'S LORD beat Change The Act 5l in 6-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good). FULL OF OATS beat Terao 6l in 5-runner novice chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: ANDRELOT

2.30 ORCHARD FM 6TH ANNIVERSARY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,720: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 0301-10 UP THE JUNCTION 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 5-11-10 P Holley 96
2 163 HE'S A KING 14 (BF,CD,F) (Jill Emery And Partners) C Popham 5-11-9 J F Titley 94
3 234-112 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 22 (CD,F) (A South) R Baker 4-11-2 B Powell 96
4 5422F1- ROBINS PRIDE 176 (D,G) (M Long) C Popham 5-10-8 T J Murphy 85
5 0P1202 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 7 (B,BF,D,F) (G Edwards) G Edwards 4-10-0 G Hogan (3) 98
6 6F0-122 SUPERMICK 14 (D,S) (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 4-10-0 J A McCarthy ●

Long handicap: Supermick 9-13.

BETTING: 5-2 He's A King, 3-1 Northern Starlight, 4-1 Robins Pride, 9-2 Up The Junction, 5-1 Supermick, 8-1 Little Hooligan.

1994: INCHCAILLOCH 5-11-8 J Osborne (5-4 fav) J King 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

UP THE JUNCTION beat Koo's Promise 2l in novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. HE'S A KING 6½l 3rd of 7 to Trade Wind in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). NORTHERN STARLIGHT beat Reigning Royal 8l in selling handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). ROBINS PRIDE beat Cee-Jay-Ay 9l in maiden hurdle at Cartmel (2m 1f 110yd, good). LITTLE HOOLIGAN 4l 2nd of 11 to River Leven in novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). SUPERMICK 2l 2nd of 5 to Mill O'The Rags in novice handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, firm).
Selection: HE'S A KING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
W Muir	3	8	37.5	G McCourt	5	20	25.0
J Old	5	14	35.7	J R Kavanagh	6	26	23.1
M Channon	3	9	33.3	D O'Sullivan	3	17	17.6
Miss H Knight	6	23	26.1	D Matthews	3	20	15.0
M Pipe	40	163	24.5	D Salter	5	35	14.3
P Hedger	4	17	23.5	D Bridgwater	6	57	10.5

3.00 ORCHARD FM THE WINNING RADIO STATION NOVICES CHASE
(£4,691: 2m 3f) (12 runners)

1 06P/ BROWN ROBBER 608 (W Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 7-11-4 D Salter –
2 24-03 DECISIVE SPICE 37 (H Wellstead) R Alner 6-11-4 W McFarland –
3 P/P- DORKING RANGER 215 (G Greene) Miss H Knight 10-11-4 R Farrant –
4 15/410P- FALMOUTH BAY 251 (G,S) (Js Merton) S Sherwood 6-11-4 G Upton –
5 04/02P-P GRAMSCI 54 (C Fear) Mrs M Jones 7-11-4 D Byrne –
6 6442-34 MAREMMA GALE 13 (R Scargle) N Mitchell 7-11-4 G McCourt 95
7 130633- MR PICKPOCKET 236 (S) (R Sayer) Miss H Knight 7-11-4 J F Titley –
8 0/00606- PAGET 204 (G) (J Olds) P Nicholls 8-11-4 B Powell –
9 251-161 REVE EN ROSE 12 (F,G,S) (M McMillan) M McMillan 9-11-4 J R Kavanagh ●
10 05163/2 SMILING CHIEF 9 (G) (Mrs E Tucker) R Hodges 7-11-4 A Tory 91
11 1351-23 SOPHISM 11 (F,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 6-11-4 D Bridgwater –
12 4100-60 WISE STATEMENT 26 (G) (M Humby) G Balding 6-11-4 R Arnold –

BETTING: 4-1 Reve En Rose, 9-2 Paget, Falmouth Bay, 5-1 Mr Pickpocket, 8-1 Maremma Gale, Sophism, 10-1 Gramsci, 12-1 others

1994: PRINCESS HOTPOT 6-11-0 M Perrett (3-1) Miss H Knight 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FALMOUTH BAY best effort last term beat Princess Ermyn 3l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). MR PICKPOCKET 23l 3rd of 10 to Violet's Boy in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good to soft). PAGET 42½l 6th of 8 to Athy Spirit in conditions chase at Tramore (2m, good).
REVE EN ROSE beat Garrylough ¾l in 6-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). SMILING CHIEF 5l 2nd of 7 to Bramblehill Buck in novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, soft). SOPHISM head and 6l 3rd of 12 to Windward Ariom in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to soft). WISE STATEMENT 16l 7th of 16 to Wordsmith in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good).
Selection: REVE EN ROSE

3.30 ORCHARD FM BEST IN THE WEST HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,723: 2m 3f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 6/32-232 THE BLACK MONK 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Club) M Pipe 7-11-13 D Bridgwater 97
2 4132-43 SECRET FOUR 120 (F,G,S) (Premier Dozen Partnership) Mrs S Williams 9-11-12 A Tory ●
3 33/0/46- RIVER ISLAND 178F (C,S) (The White Horse Partnership) J Old 7-11-9 T Grantham 95
4 101F33 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 32 (B,C,F,G,S) (R M Racecourses) N Littmoden 6-11-7 J F Titley 93
5 13112-0 PETITJEAN 19 (S) (Rhys Thomas Williams) D Burchell 4-11-7 D J Burchell 90
6 3P35/63 GRAND APPLAUSE 34 (G) (M Lewis) M Muggeridge 5-11-3 B Powell –
7 343213 CHICKABIDDY 13 (CD,F,G) (G Edwards) G Edwards 7-11-0 G Hogan (3) 94
8 2035U-0 SPORTS VIEW 19 (S) (J Warner) R Hodges 6-10-6 J Frost 98

BETTING: 11-4 The Black Monk, 7-2 Secret Four, 4-1 River Island, 9-2 Have A Nightcap, Chickabiddy, 8-1 Petitjean, 16-1 others

1994: TOO SHARP 6-10-6 R Farrant (11-2) Miss H Knight 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE BLACK MONK 7l 2nd of 6 to Braes Of Mar in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good). SECRET FOUR 10l 3rd of 6 to Cats Run in handicap hurdle at Stratford (3m 3f, good to firm). RIVER ISLAND 4¾l 4th of 8 to Master Bracken in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) on penultimate start. HAVE A NIGHTCAP 11l last of 3 to Most Equal in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, firm). GRAND APPLAUSE 22l 3rd of 5 to General Command in novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good to firm). CHICKABIDDY beat Koo's Promise 1l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: THE BLACK MONK

Dunwoody confirms ride

RICHARD DUNWOODY confirmed yesterday that he would be on board his intended mount, Merry Gale, at Punchestown on Saturday, ending speculation that he would ride One Man in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury. In a statement, the champion jockey said he was looking forward to renewing his acquaintance with Jim Dreaper's charge, provided the Strong Gale gelding proved his fitness. One Man's trainer, Gordon Richards, was yesterday unavailable to comment on Dunwoody's decision, although his wife, Joanie, said: "Richard was always booked to ride Merry Gale."

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
12.50 St Kitts. 1.20 Silverdale Fox. 1.50 Callisoe Bay. 2.20 Gone By. 2.50 Strong Medicine. 3.20 Zaitoon. 3.50 Claireswan.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.50 Quiet Amusement. 1.20 CAPTAIN MARMALADE (nap). 2.20 Can Can Charlie.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.50 MANNY BERNSTEIN BOOKMAKERS MARES ONLY NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,026: 2m) (9 runners)

101 -245 STAC-POLLAIDH 8 K Bailey 5-11-1 T J Murphy (5) 88
102 P/3 HENRIETTA BOO BOO 13 R Weaver 5-10-12 P McLoughlin –
103 1513 SCORCHED AIR 14 (V,D,BF,F,G) J O'Shea 5-10-12 J Osborne ●
104 2-0P ST KITTS 7 W G M Turner 4-10-12 T Murphy (7) 72
105 /3U SWISS MOUNTAIN 20 P Bevan 5-10-12 T Eley 79
106 GREENACRES LADY 111F W Clay 5-10-8 J Lodder –
107 2414 QUIET AMUSEMENT 13 (CD,F) T Clement 4-10-8 S Keightley 91
108 WHITE LADY 3F B Llewellyn 4-10-9 Mr J L Llewellyn –
109 6 MARBLE 14 M Meagher 4-10-3 K Gaule (5) 83

9-4 Scorched Air, 5-2 Stac-Pollaidh, 9-2 Quiet Amusement, 6-1 Swiss Mountain, 8-1 St Kitts, 12-1 Marble, 25-1 others.

1.20 EAST MIDLANDS CHAMBER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,928: 2m) (12)

201 /50- PIER THIRTY NINE 447 (D,F,G,S) J Parkes 9-12-0 R McCarthy (7) –
202 0P-1 SILVERDALE FOX 3 (D,F) K Hogg 8-11-7 (6ex) S Wynne 94
203 5-35 BEECHFIELD FLYER 5 (BF) W Clay 4-11-2 J Lodder 97
204 5-02 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 8 D Thom 6-11-0 S McNeill 80
205 0561 SAFE SECRET 14 (F) R Brotherton 4-10-12 J Osborne 91
206 460P BACKSTABBER 35 Miss S Wilton 5-10-10 A Large (7) ●
207 06-P LAMBSON 12 (BF,G) J Pearce 8-10-5 L Aspell (7) 98
208 P8S- PRINCETHORPE 26F (D,S) B Cambidge 8-10-4 D Gallagher 90
209 0226 SHARP GAZELLE 14 B Smart 5-10-0 M Molloy (7) 94
210 0-0P VERRO 9 K Bishop 8-10-0 L Harvey 91
211 -3F0 ASSEMBLY DANCER 5 D Williams 8-10-0 M Clarke (7) 88
212 P-05 TARO CARD 12 R Woodhouse 4-10-0 L O'Hara 80

3-1 Captain Marmalade, 7-2 Silverdale Fox, 4-1 Safe Secret, 5-1 Beechfield Flyer, 7-1 Sharp Gazelle, 8-1 Backstabber, 10-1 Taro Card, 12-1 others.

1.50 ALLSPORT BARRIER SYSTEMS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,453: 2m) (4)

301 50-F CALLISOE BAY 11 (BF,G,S) O Sherwood 6-11-0 J Osborne ●
302 5/5- HAWKFIELD 383 (G) C Brad 6-11-0 W Marston –
303 04-4 REESHLOCH 27 (S) A Turnell 6-11-0 L Harvey 60
304 P-P3 STORMING RUN 20 P Dalton 7-11-0 T Eley 63

1-5 Callisoe Bay, 6-1 Reeshloch, 12-1 Storming Run, 25-1 Hawkfield

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlisle: 1.10 Herbalist. Taunton: 1.30 Jackatack. Uttoxeter: 12.50 Scorched Air. 3.50 Roscommon Lad.

2.20 GEO HODGES & SON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,145: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

401 4233 GONE BY 10 (B,D,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-13 J Osborne 97
402 5P13 NOCATCHIM 26 (V,F,G,S) K Morgan 6-11-11 A S Smith ●
403 65/ JARRWAH 828 (D,G) J Spearing 7-11-7 Miss C Spearing (7) –
404 -511 CAN CAN CHARLIE 8 (F,G) J Pearce 5-11-4 L Aspell (7) 96
405 313- KADARI 267 (B,G) W Clay 6-11-0 J Lodder 92
406 3401 MISS CASHTAL 14 (F) D Thom 4-10-7 S McNeill 97
407 5364 ELLTEE-ESS 13 (D,F,G) R Weaver 10-10-3 P McLoughlin –
408 46-4 NOBLE INSIGHT 14 (C,F,G,S) W Mann 8-10-0 Mr D Verco 88

7-4 Can Can Charlie, 7-2 Miss Cashtal, 4-1 Nocatchim, 5-1 Gone By, 8-1 Kadari, 10-1 Elltee-Ess, 12-1 others.

2.50 BARRY D TRENTHAM CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,644: 2m 7f) (5)

501 212- HONEST WORD 173 (C,F,G,S) S Brookshaw 10-11-12 J Railton 90
502 UP-1 SMITH'S BAND 7 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10 (6ex) W Marston ●
503 1/3 STRONG MEDICINE 54 (F,G) K Bailey 8-11-8 J Osborne 90
504 -F26 SAILOR JIM 19 (C,F,S) P Dalton 8-10-3 C Llewellyn 98
505 426- MO ICHI DO 243 (C,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 9-10-0 T Eley 89

Evens Smith's Band, 2-1 Strong Medicine, 6-1 Honest Word, 10-1 Sailor Jim, 16-1 Mo Ichi Do.

3.20 R L HARRISON CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,624: 2m) (11)

601 5/0- ALBEMINE 279 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 6-11-10 T Kent –
602 40-5 RATIFY 19 (D,G,S) K Morgan 8-11-8 A S Smith 91
603 30-5 TEST MATCH 10 (CD,G,S) W Clay 8-11-7 J Lodder ●
604 2-04 HASHAR 7 (D,F) P Wegmann 7-11-5 Gary Lyons 98
605 -F54 ZAITOON 11 (B,D,BF,F,G) D Nicholson 4-11-1 W Marston 92
606 1-62 ELFLAA 13 (D,F) N Henderson 4-10-12 J Osborne 90
607 31-4 STAR MARKET 8 (B,D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 S Joynes (7) 86
608 1215 PHARARE 26 (D,F) R Woodhouse 5-10-0 L O'Hara 93
609 0-25 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 21 J Mackie 4-10-0 T Eley 76
610 121- SUDDEN SPIN 10F (D,G,S) S Norton 5-10-0 O Pears 88
611 P3/5 DOMAIN 13 (B,D,G) R Weaver 7-10-0 P McLoughlin –

11-4 Elflaa, 3-1 Ratify, 5-1 Hunters' Heaven, Zaitoon, 6-1 Star Market, 8-1 Test Match, 10-1 Pharare, 12-1 others.

3.50 ASTAIRE & PARTNERS STOCKBROKERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,484: 2m) (16)

1 1 CIRACUSA 8 (D,G) J Mackie 11-4 T Eley 97
2 510 RAY RIVER 21 (D,G) K Wingrove 11-4 J Ryan 81
3 140U YACHT 11 (F) C Mann 11-4 J Railton 83
4 BALLESWHIDDEN 392F B Smart 10-12 C Llewellyn –
5 CLAIRESWAN 70F M Tompkins 10-12 D Gallagher –
6 ELITE JUSTICE 119F N Tinkler 10-12 J Osborne –
7 0 HOT BREEZE 12 Miss K Whitehouse 10-12 W Humphreys –
8 LORD FREDERICK 139F Miss S Wilton 10-12 Gary Lyons –
9 LORD PALMERSTON 107F K Morgan 10-12 A S Smith –
10 NORDIC BREEZE 82F A Bailey 10-12 T Kent –
11 2 PROPHETS HONOUR 12 P Haslam 10-12 M Foster ●
12 ROSCOMMON LAD 118F (B) R Hollinshead 10-12 M W Martin (7) –
13 BORN TO BE WILD 66F M Pipe 10-7 J Lower –
14 0 DISSOLVE 12 N Lampard 10-7 Mr L Baker (7) –
15 FOREST MILL 35F J Spearing 10-7 J Lodder –
16 KATY KOO 66F P Bevan 10-7 L Harvey –

3-1 Ciracusa, 4-1 Prophets Honour, 5-1 Born To Be Wild, 6-1 Lord Palmerston, 7-1 Claireswan, 8-1 Nordic Breeze, 10-1 Yacht, 12-1 others.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
1.10 REAL TONIC (nap). 1.40 Lansborough. 2.10 The Grey Monk. 2.40 Izza. 3.10 Strong Approach. 3.40 Freddie Muck.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 ALEXANDER MORTENSEN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,150: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 3-1 GENERAL CHAOS 117 (D,F) J J O'Neill 5-12-0 A Roche (3)
2 06-4 CANAAN VALLEY 13 D Robertson 7-12-0 J Burke
3 044- GARBONI 224 J Haynes 6-11-10 M Moloney
4 122 RECLUSE 14 (B,C,F) Miss L Perratt 4-11-9 T Jenks
5 0-12 SALVO 19 (F) Mrs M Stirk 4-11-9 Mr S Swiers
6 -F0U ORD GALLERY 14 T Dyer 6-11-9 P Niven
7 0-35 REAL TONIC 19 G Richards 5-11-8 P Carberry
8 0P-0 CURRENT SPEECH 12 M H Easterby 4-11-7 L Wyer
9 03P- TOPSAWYER 219 (F) Miss S Hall 7-11-4 N Bentley
10 286- CRAIGIE RAMBLER 217 D Robertson 6-11-4 I Jardine (7)
11 -500 CHARLISTIONA 14 J Dodds 4-10-13 R Guest
12 0P-5 ANOTHER MEADOW 20 J Dixon 7-10-9 B Storey
13 00-0 MR SLOAN 13 J Goldie 5-10-8 G Lee (3)
14 /64 HERBALIST 27 (V,G) J Hetherton 6-10-7 S Taylor (7)
15 0UU- SPECTRE BROWN 205 F Jestin 5-10-0 N Leach
16 P00- MISTER TRICK 217 L Lungo 5-10-0 F Perratt (3)
17 /F/- CIRCLE BOY 573 W Storey 8-10-0 J Supple (3)

3-1 Real Tonic, 9-2 Recluse, 5-1 General Chaos, 6-1 Salvo, 7-1 Canaan Valley, 8-1 Another Meadow, 10-1 Herbalist, 12-1 others.

1.40 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,402: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

1 02-4 BANGABUNNY 13 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-0 Mr K Whelan (5)
2 0 BRIGHT DESTINY 12 J Goldie 4-11-0 F Perratt (3)
3 32-0 BUYERS DREAM 13 J Hetherton 5-11-0 S Taylor (7)
4 13 FENWICK'S BROTHER 48 (BF,F) J Eyre 5-11-0 G Harker
5 0 I'M THE GAFFER 13 D Todhunter 4-11-0 R Garritty
6 KASIRAMA M Hammond 4-11-0 R Burns (7)
7 4P- KERAK 217 Miss M Milligan 5-11-0 R Guest
8 /P-2 LANSBOROUGH 13 G Richards 5-11-0 P Carberry
9 040- ROBARA 220 S Leadbetter 5-11-0 N Leach
10 43-2 SCOTBY 9 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 Mr M Rimell
11 0- SHALLOW RIVER 308 R Collins 4-11-0 R Supple
12 40-0 SKIDDAW ROCK 17 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 N Smith
13 060- THE GALLOPIN'MAJOR 197 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 P Niven
14 00 KUDOS PRINCESS 12 Mrs A Naughton 5-10-9 T Jenks

7-4 Lansborough, 7-2 Scotby, 5-1 Bangabunny, 6-1 Fenwick's Brother, 8-1 Kasirama, The Gallopin' Major, 10-1 Skiddaw Rock, 12-1 others.

2.10 HEADS NOOK NOVICES CHASE
(£3,534: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 31-1 THE GREY MONK 13 (G,S) G Richards 7-11-13 B Harding (3)
2 23/ MARRA'S ROSCOE 764 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7 P Niven
3 00-0 PREMIER FIRST 13 J Hetherton 6-11-7 T Reed
4 P122 ROCHARISARE 67 (BF,F) T Etherington 8-11-7 L Wyer
5 30-6 SOLBA 13 (G,S) C Parker 6-11-7 B Storey
6 P-03 STRONG MEASURE 20 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-7 R Supple
7 P05- MY GOMMY 217 J Dodds 6-11-2 R Guest

1-2 The Grey Monk, 7-2 Marra's Roscoe, 8-1 Solba, 10-1 others.

2.40 CALDBECK HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,570: 2m 1f) (8)

1 42-2 ABBOT OF FURNESS 12 (BF,S) G Richards 11-11-12 B Harding (3)
2 3-44 INGLETONIAN 27 (S) B Wilkinson 6-11-6 N Bentley
3 11/ SHARKASHKA 129F (D,F,G) M H Easterby 5-11-3 L Wyer
4 32-F FOX SPARROW 166 (S) N Tinkler 5-11-2 E Husband (3)
5 254- ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 30F (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-1 P Niven
6 0/0 REVE DE VALSE 12 (G,S) Denys Smith 8-10-13 G Lee (3)
7 -U41 IZZA 14 (D,G) W Storey 4-10-6 J Supple (3)
8 52-5 STASH THE CASH 13 T Dyer 4-10-3 R Guest

9-4 Abbot Of Furness, 5-2 Izza, 9-2 Fox Sparrow, 6-1 Sharkashka, 7-1 Once More For Luck, 10-1 Stash The Cash, 12-1 others.

3.10 KIT PATTERSON 80TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,359: 2m) (5)

1 103- REJOINUS 288 (CD,S) J Gunn 10-11-11 M Dwyer
2 -1P0 MILS MIJ 14 (CD,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 10-11-9 P Niven
3 -332 PRECIPICE RUN 48 (C,D,G,S) G Richards 10-11-8 B Harding (3)
4 45-1 STRONG APPROACH 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Charlton 10-11-4 B Storey
5 111- SUPER SANDY 208 (D,S) F Walton 8-11-4 T Reed

6-4 Strong Approach, 5-2 Precipice Run, 11-4 Super Sandy, 7-1 Rejoinus, 10-1 Mils Mij.

3.40 ASPATRIA AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,178: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 0-11 MOONSHINE DANCER 9 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-12-0 M H Naughton (7)
2 320- DOCKMASTER 215 (S) Miss M Milligan 4-11-13 Miss P Robson (7)
3 1P-6 TEMPLE GARTH 167 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-12 Mrs A Farrell
4 1203 FREDDIE MUCK 12 (D,F) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-9 M Rimell (5)
5 2/P ROSCOMMON JOE 14 (S) J J O'Neill 5-11-8 L Corcoran (7)
6 05-3 TALL MEASURE 22 (D,F) D Swindlehurst 9-11-5 D Swindlehurst (7)
7 F/4 AQUINAS 22 (F,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-4 P Murray (7)
8 40-2 GREAT MAX 17 (B,D,S) C Parker 6-11-4 A Parker (7)
9 PB5- SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 253 (G) B Ellison 7-10-10 Miss V Haigh (7)
10 PP0- NO WORD 230 (F) R Bastiman 8-10-7 I Baker (7)
11 003- COMBELLINO 180 M Hammond 5-10-4 C Bonner (3)
12 2513 YACHT CLUB 9 (D,F) J Eyre 13-10-1 K Whelan (5)

5-2 Moonshine Dancer, 7-2 Freddie Muck, 6-1 Great Max, 7-1 Tall Measure, 8-1 Dockmaster, 10-1 Yacht Club, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CARLISLE: Trainers: Mrs M Reveley, 22 winners from 76 runners, 28.9%; M H Easterby, 4 from 16, 25.0%; Mrs S Bramall, 8 from 34, 23.5%; M Hammond, 17 from 105, 16.2%; G Richards, 27 from 173, 15.6%; W Storey, 5 from 32, 15.6%. Jockeys: P Niven, 30 winners from 107 rides, 28%; R Supple, 4 from 16, 25.0%; L Wyer, 8 from 39, 20.5%; J Burke, 5 from 26, 19.2%; N Bentley, 5 from 27, 18.5%; B Storey, 22 from 164, 13.4%.

UTTOXETER: Trainers: C Mann, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; M Tompkins, 6 from 18, 33.3%; S Brookshaw, 5 from 16, 31.3%; M Pipe, 43 from 143, 30.1%; O Sherwood, 15 from 52, 28.8%; K Bailey, 23 from 84, 27.4%. Jockeys: J Osborne, 27 winners from 84 rides, 32.1%; S McNeill, 11 from 47, 23.4%; A S Smith, 5 from 22, 22.7%; J Railton, 8 from 51, 15.7%; C Llewellyn, 12 from 77, 15.6%; D Gallagher, 8 from 64, 12.5%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Chepstow

Going: soft

12.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Pharanear (W Marston, 9-2); 2, Buckhouse Boy (5-1); 3, Vintage Claret (12-1). Eulogy 5-2 fav (f). 15 ran. NR: Bucket Of Gold. 3l, 25l. D Nicholson. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £9.40. Trio: £31.80. CSF: £26.15.

1.20 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, File Concord (W Marston, 9-2); 2, Really A Rascal (9-2); 3, First Century (11-2). Over The Pole 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 3l, 7l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £5.60; £2.20, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £14.60. Trio: £15.60. CSF: £22.80. Tricast: £100.94.

1.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Cassio's Boy (D Walsh, 20-1); 2, Megamunch (50-1); 3, Bishops Castle (4-1). New Tribe 7-2 fav (pu). 13 ran. 1l, 13l. R Eckley. Tote: £39.60; £5.10, £14.40, £1.60. DF: £279.70. CSF: £568.54. Trio: not won (pool of £375.83 carried forward to 3.20 at Uttoxeter today).

2.20 (3m hdle) 1, Karar (D O'Sullivan, 12-1); 2, Prince Of Salerno (14-1); 3, Royal Piper (9-1); 4, Snowy Lane (20-1). Lying Eyes 7-1 fav (pu). 18 ran. 6l, 7l. R Rowe. Tote: £13.10; £2.80, £4.50, £2.50, £4.70. DF: £165.30. Trio: £526.80. CSF: £158.38. Tricast: £1,455.76.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Seek The Faith (B Powell, 33-1); 2, Challenger Du Luc (5-1); 3, Jacob's Wife (12-1). Trying Again 10-11 fav. 14 ran. Hd, hd. M Sheppard. Tote: £59.80; £7.90, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £161.60. Trio: £272.60. CSF: £174.64.

3.20 (2m 110yd flat race) 1, Dictum (Mr M Rimell, 7-2); 2, Steel Moss (7-1); 3, Pa D'Or (10-11 fav). 12 ran. NR: Gracefield. 15l, 2l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £17.20. Trio: £8.00. CSF: £28.05.

3.50 (2m 110yd flat race) 1, Chaprassi (J Lower, 6-1); 2, Dream Ride (20-1); 3, Red Blazer (4-9 fav). 11 ran. NR: Better Than Bills. 3½l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £8.50; £2.40, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £63.30. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £95.44.

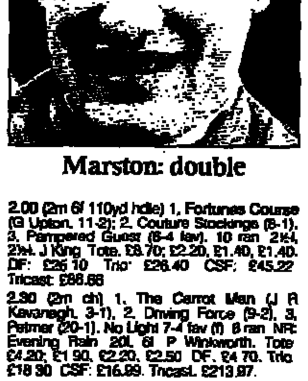
Placepot: £261.00. Quadpot: £49.30.

Windsor

Going: good to firm

1.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Malwood Castle (Mr P Henley, 13-8 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Credon (25-1); 3, Jojo (50-1). 15 ran. 3l, ¾l. R Alner. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £6.50, £13.60. DF: £38.80. Trio: £203.70 (part won; pool of £229.57 carried forward to 3.20 at Uttoxeter today). CSF: £38.82.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, Zambezi Spirit (D Byrne, 6-1); 2, Call Me River (33-1); 3, Tommy-Gun (14-1). Fast Run 4-5 fav. 5 ran. NR: Do Rightly. 11l, dist. Mrs M Jones. Tote: £10.30; £2.60, £2.50. DF: £34.10. CSF: £73.28.



Marston: double

2.00 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Fortunes Course (G Upton, 11-2); 2, Couture Stockings (8-1); 3, Pampered Guest (6-4 fav). 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l. J King. Tote: £8.70; £2.20, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £26.10. Trio: £26.40. CSF: £45.22. Tricast: £86.66.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, The Carrot Man (J R Kavanagh, 3-1); 2, Driving Force (9-2); 3, Petmer (20-1). No Light 7-4 fav (f). 8 ran. NR: Evening Rain. 20l, 6l. P Winkworth. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £4.70. Trio: £18.30. CSF: £16.99. Tricast: £213.97.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Nova Run (J R Kavanagh, 4-5 fav); 2, Oldhill Wood (7-2); 3, El Freddie (9-1). 7 ran. 8l, nk. N Henderson. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £5.30. CSF: £4.57.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Sassiver (A Bates, 5-1); 2, Salisong (7-1); 3, Lucayan Cay (15-8 fav). 9 ran. 4l, hd. P Kelleway. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £25.40. Trio: £10.40. CSF: £38.21. Tricast: £81.82.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,310.76 carried forward to Uttoxeter today).

Placepot: £5,025.10. Quadpot: £13.70.

Hexham

Going: good

1.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Irish Gent (R Supple, 12-1); 2, Ivy House (11-8 fav); 3, Kibby Bank (14-1). 15 ran. 8l, 25l. P Beaumont. Tote: £19.90; £4.00, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £20.50. Trio: £64.60. CSF: £27.85.

1.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Corston Rambo (T Reed, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Heddon Haugh (10-1); 3, Goldmire (9-2 jt-fav). 13 ran. 5l, hd. L Lungo. Tote: £8.70; £1.60, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £29.80. Trio: £78.30. CSF: £45.69. Tricast: £193.41.

2.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Forbidden Time (T Reed, 4-6 fav); 2, Earlymorning Light (7-2); 3, Chief Raider (14-1). 9 ran. ¾l, 15l. L Lungo. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.20, £4.40. DF: £2.50. Trio: £19.60. CSF: £3.97.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Rachael's Owen (L Wyer, 5-1); 2, Joyrider (4-1); 3, Topothenorthracing (7-2 jt-fav). Cadeaux Premiere 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Charlycia. 10l, 10l. T Dyer. Tote: £11.80; £1.60, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £24.40. Trio: £49.20. CSF: £24.83. Tricast: £72.37.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Easby Joker (Mr C Bonner, 4-1); 2, Doxford Hut (20-1); 3, Heathview (10-1). Killmor Lad 2-1 fav. 11 ran. 10l, 5l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £106.30. Trio: £104.20 (part won; pool of £117.43 carried forward to 3.20 at Uttoxeter today). CSF: £71.07. Tricast: £692.33.

3.40 (2m flat) 1, Nordic Prince (R Garritty, 5-1); 2, The Stitcher (10-1); 3, Highbeath (12-1). Callernish Dan 2-1 fav. 19 ran. ¾l, 3½l. T Tate. Tote: £2.80; £2.10, £3.50, £4.10. DF: £32.00. Trio: £49.40. CSF: £63.31.

Placepot: £46.60. Quadpot: not won.

Control of television deals with sport put into focus

By David Miller

A MONOPOLIES commission to regulate, in the public interest, contracts between sport and television was demanded yesterday by Lord Howell, the former Labour sports minister. "Our sporting traditions are being swept away at the behest of television, and nobody is addressing the question," Lord Howell protested.

Addressing the 24th annual conference of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR), Lord Howell also launched attacks on inequitable disparities between sport and the arts in the allocation of National Lottery funds; on damaging policies for Olympic funding; on the ineffectual function of the new Sports Council; and on the tokenism of John Major's sports policy statement *Raising the Game*, which lacked financial teeth for otherwise admirable recommendations on the school sports curriculum and restoring playing fields.

Minority-audience but wealthy television channels should not be able to threaten the availability to national teams of players in, for example, rugby union and rugby league, by the creation of exclusive contracts with the Murdoch and Packer organisations, Lord Howell said. A monopolies commission would prevent such moves.

Sport is a public commodity and therefore should be subject to cost and availability control in the same way as gas, Lord Howell suggested. What he perhaps overlooks is that if the contract for, say, Wimbledon or the Open golf is financially restricted, competitors are likely to defect to breakaway, "rogue" tournaments created by television, sponsors and agents.

Pointing to the failure of West Midlands councils to obtain lottery assistance, Lord Howell condemned the requirement for sport to produce 35 per cent of the total budget, compared with only five per cent for arts projects.

The inactivity of the new council, intended to represent the United Kingdom's interests abroad, was ridiculed. "Those appointed are ignorant," Lord Howell said. "How can they go into the room and talk business with the likes of international sports leaders such as Samaranch, Havelange and Nebiolo?"

Sadly, Lord Howell's blazing torch, which illuminated many ills, suffers from the CCPR's permanent shortcoming: its lack of any constitutional power to enforce its recommendations.

Parrott has second easy victory

By Phil Yates

JOHN PARROTT possesses a horse-racing analogy for every occasion and yesterday was no exception as he defeated Willie Thorne 9-3 to reach the last 16 of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston.

"If I was a horse, I would have been the subject of a Jockey Club inquiry by now," Parrott said, referring to the inconsistency which has marked his season so far.

The Liverpudlian inflicted Stephen Hendry's only defeat of the campaign in the Thailand Classic last month but lost his opening match at the Regal Scottish Masters and the Skoda Grand Prix.

Parrott, who sailed through his opening match against Jamie Woodman, enjoyed another untroubled passage after building a 7-1 first-session lead over Thorne.

Dennis Taylor, 46, evoked memories of his heyday by recovering from an 8-5 deficit to beat Darren Morgan 9-8. "That was vintage stuff," said Taylor, who now meets Ken Doherty in the last 16.

Paul Hunter, 17, who knocked out Alan McManus in the first round, established a 5-3 lead over Wayne Jones in the second.

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Stubbs ties up deal to stay at Bolton

By Our Sports Staff

ALAN STUBBS yesterday signed an extension to his contract with Bolton Wanderers that will keep him at the struggling FA Carling Premiership club until the middle of 1998.

The highly-regarded defender appeared likely to leave Burnden Park earlier this season when the champions, Blackburn Rovers, made an attempt to take the defender and the Bolton midfield player, Jason McAteer, to Ewood Park in a deal worth about £9 million.

But the move fell through when McAteer decided instead to join Liverpool, whom he had supported as a boy, leaving Stubbs to remain at Bolton.

Now the central defender, 24, who has been suffering from an Achilles tendon injury, has ended speculation by signing a new contract.

Stubbs: ended speculation

Keith Gillespie, 20, the Newcastle United winger, was another player to agree to an extended contract yesterday, signing a deal that will keep him at St James' Park until 1999.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, had promised Gillespie a new and improved contract from the three-year deal he signed when he arrived on Tyneside as part of the £7 million package that took Andy Cole to Manchester United in January.

The Northern Ireland international said: "There's no problem and I told the boss I would sign as quick as he likes. I am delighted with the new contract. It's nice to be appreciated. I think my form this season is the best I have ever consistently produced."

Massimo Cacciatori, the Ancona coach, has said from his hospital bed that he will sue Birmingham City players whom, he alleges, beat him in a dressing-room brawl after an Anglo-Italian Cup game in Italy last week.

A deputy prosecutor began an investigation into the case after Cacciatori suffered serious facial injuries when he was punched and kicked at the end of an ill-tempered match between the two clubs on Wednesday last week, which Birmingham won 2-1. In a newspaper interview published yesterday, Cacciatori alleged that several Birmingham players had attacked him.

Danny Wilson, the Barnsley player-manager, said yesterday that he feared the club's Oakwell ground would be closed if there were further outbreaks of crowd violence.

Jim Rushton, the referee from Stoke, was forced to stop play twice during the Endsleigh Insurance League first division game against Portsmouth on Tuesday night when fighting spilt on to the pitch.

Wilson said: "These morons could get our ground closed down. There is no room for them and I wouldn't want to bring my kids in to see behaviour like that."

The club chairman, John Dennis, has called for a full internal inquiry to be held. "We have to weed these people out and make sure nothing like this happens again," he said.

The Chelsea managing director, Colin Hutchinson, has called on the director, Matthew Harding and the club chairman, Ken Bates, to end their feud, claiming that they are tearing the club apart.

Hutchinson called for talks with Harding, and said: "Despite the bitter war of words, Ken and Matthew both love Chelsea. In the interests of the club, they should sit down and find a solution."

McGregor celebrates after giving Nottingham Forest the lead in the Uefa Cup third-round tie against Lyons

Forest seek stand-in for Roy

By Our Sports Staff

BRYAN ROY underwent keyhole surgery on a torn knee cartilage yesterday, opening the door for at least one of the two young players who galvanised Nottingham Forest in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday to help finish the job in Lyons next month.

Paul McGregor, 20, scored the only goal seven minutes from time at the City Ground after Stephen "Bobby" Howe, a fellow substitute, had earned the penalty that led to it.

Although McGregor took the plaudits on the night, Howe, 22, could yet emerge as favourite to step in for the injured Dutchman. With less than 20 minutes left of a sterile third-round, first-leg tie, Frank Clark, the Forest manager, sent the pair on in place of the struggling Roy and the out-of-touch Andrea Silenzi.

They immediately raised the tempo of Forest's attacks and, when Pascal Olmeta, the Lyons goalkeeper, dropped the ball in a penalty area collision with one of his own defenders, Howe drove it towards goal only for Florent Laville to handle.

Stuart Pearce, the Forest captain, saw Olmeta beat out his spot-kick as Laville went marching off having been shown the red card, but McGregor pounced to put away the rebound.

"They've both been on the fringe of the team for nine to 12 months, but Paul's unlucky because his best position is wide on the right and we've got Steve Stone there," Clark said.

"Bobby is probably best where Bryan plays and could be very useful for us. Bryan's got to have the operation now and. I'm estimating it will be about a month before we get him back." McGregor's moment of inspiration, meanwhile, did not spare him reserve team duty against Sheffield United yesterday.

In the FA Carling Premiership, Arsenal reclaimed third position on Wednesday night thanks to a second-half rally against Sheffield Wednesday. John Hartson, who has been unable to command a regular place in the side, scored his first goal of the season as Arsenal, trailing 2-1 at half-time, won 4-2.

The Welshman, who owed his appearance to Ian Wright's suspension, is determined to capitalise on it. "I want to play every week," he said. "I've got a chance now because Ian Wright is suspended and that goal will have helped my cause."

Tottenham Hotspur joined their North London neighbours near the top of the table, moving to fifth with a 1-0 defeat of Middlesbrough. It was the first defeat for Bryan Robson's side at the Riverside Stadium and was brought about by Chris Armstrong's goal, his fifth in six games.

Klinsmann conquers

JÜRGEN KLINSMANN, the former Tottenham Hotspur striker, scored four goals for Bayern Munich as the German side took a giant step towards the fourth round of the Uefa Cup on Tuesday night. Klinsmann completed a 16-minute hat-trick when he scored in the 43rd minute and added his fourth goal a minute after half-time as Bayern beat Benfica 4-1.

PSV Eindhoven, who knocked out Leeds United in the second round, beat Werder Bremen 2-1, with Ronaldo, the Brazilian, scoring an eighth-minute penalty.

Bordeaux, who won a place in the Uefa Cup after a good performance in the much-maligned Intertoto Cup, take a 2-0 lead into the second leg of their tie against Real Betis, of Spain. The all-Spanish encounter between Seville and Barcelona ended 1-1.

Moore the merrier for chance to show his worth

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHATEVER the merits of divisional rugby union, the CIS championship will give Brian Moore, on Saturday, an opportunity to restore his personal profile. The former England hooker will lead London against the North at Wakefield in the only competition relevant to selection for the international between England and Western Samoa on December 16.

Moore's star has descended since Harlequins, his club, decided to operate a rota system with their hookers this season, but he now has the chance of two games in swift succession — against the North and, if selected, when London play the Samoans next Wednesday.

Moore is one of seven changes from the side beaten 36-34 by the Midlands last weekend. Four are in the forwards and three in the backs, where David Pears, too, may hope to enhance his international claims. Pears forms a new half-back pairing with Andy Gomarsall.

As Jack Rowell, the England manager, has observed, England's display against South Africa was less than convincing. "In view of some of the flaws that showed up at Twickenham, we will be looking long and hard this weekend," he said.

The amateur game, as represented by the universities and occasional invitation XVs, is alive and well considering the make-up of Mickey Steele-Bodger's team to play Cambridge University at Grange Road next Wednesday. Iain Morrison, the Scotland flanker, leads a XV that includes Colin Gibson, the son of one of Ireland's greatest players, Mike Gibson.

LONDON DIVISION (v North): A Tunningley (Saracens); D O'Leary (Harlequins), N Greenstock (Wasps), P Mensah (Harlequins), S Roiser (Wasps); D Pears (Harlequins), A Gomarsall (Wasps); S Brown (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins, captain), I Dunston (Wasps), M White (Wasps), A Snow (Harlequins), S Shaw (Bristol), R Jenkins (Harlequins), A Diprose (Saracens).

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV (v Cambridge University). C Glasgow (Heriot's FP); E Saunders (Rugby), N Beal (Northampton), M Denney (Bristol), K Logan (Stirling County); P Burke (Cork Constitution), N Hogan (Terenure College); G Halpin (London Irish), J Hay (Hawick), K Colclough (Swansea), C Gibson (Gloucester), M Poole (Leicester), M Haag (Bath), I Morrison (London Scottish, captain), P Scrivener (Wasps).

☐ Wade Dooley, the former England lock, will make a comeback for Preston Grasshoppers on Saturday against Liverpool St Helens.

Norman aims to end lean spell on home soil

From Patricia Davies
in Melbourne

GREG NORMAN, the golfer often compared with the great white shark for his predatory instincts and shock of white hair, spends most of his time basking in American waters these days and has not won at home in Australia for five years.

Norman was reminded of that barren spell on the eve of the Australian Open, which starts today at Kingston Heath, one of the many outstanding courses on Melbourne's renowned sand belt.

"What do you have to say about that record, Greg?" The Queenslander, looking leaner and blonder than ever, has won three times in the United States this year and topped the US PGA money-list — for the third time — with more than $2 million (about £1,330,000), but his countrymen are not easy to impress.

"Not much I can say," Norman said laconically. "It's there for everyone to see. I haven't won here since the Australian Masters in 1990."

Norman last topped the US money-list in the same year, 1990, so perhaps that is an omen. Also, he would love to make *Australian Golf Digest* feel guilty about not making him No 1 this year despite his successes in the United States.

That vote went to Steve Elkington, who defeated Colin Montgomerie at the first extra hole at Riviera, to win the US PGA championship, his first major title. Elkington, is not the only winner of a major this year gracing the occasion, however. Here too is the irrepressible John Daly, the former US PGA champion, who blazed his way to victory in the Open at St Andrews in July.

Daly was late arriving from Los Angeles for the pro-am on Tuesday. He joined his partners at the 14th hole — it was a shotgun start and they had started at the 7th — and enjoyed what he saw of the course. Those looking forward to watching his booming drives all week might be disappointed, however.

"I don't think I'll be using my driver more than two or three times a round." Daly said. "You've got to be careful not to hit it too far, through the fairway. It's a one, two, three-iron course."

For one man, perhaps.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This refresher goes back to the old theme — managing your entries.

Dealer East **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ 4 3
♥ K 9
♦ J 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ J 7

West:
♠ J 7 6 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ —
♣ Q 10 8 6 4 3

East:
♠ K 8 5
♥ Q J 6 5 4
♦ K 10 8
♣ A 2

South:
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A 10 7
♦ A Q 9
♣ K 9 5

W	N	E	S
—	—	1♥	Double
Pass	2♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

Final contract: 3 NT by South **Lead: Three of Hearts**

South is too strong for a 1 NT overcall. After an opposition suit opening, the standard way to show 19 high-card points or more in a balanced hand is to double and rebid in no-trumps. North's Two Diamonds promised no values at all, so the 2 NT rebid is quite enough. Facing 19-21 points, it is reasonable for North to try 3 NT.

When West leads the three of hearts, it is tempting to win in dummy to finesse diamonds. However, the finesse works but the 3-0 break means that there is no way back to dummy after you have set the suit up. The diamond finesse may gain one trick if the diamonds are 2-1, but costs the contract whenever they are 3-0. Correct, is to win the heart lead in your hand and play the ace of diamonds, followed by the queen. If the second diamond is ducked, your third diamond knocks out the king of diamonds and you have the king of hearts as the entry to dummy.

This hand is described by Ron Klinger, the Australian writer, in the 1995 *Daily Bridge Calendar*. There is a hand for each day of the year. If you want a copy, send £2.50 (to cover postage and packaging) to: Free 1995 Calendar Offer, Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley, GU21 2TH, mentioning *The Times*. The 1996 version is £15.45 including postage and packing.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Timman's revival

After losing the Fide championship to Anatoly Karpov in 1993, Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster, experienced a severe and prolonged loss of form. However, in the summer of this year, he revived his fortunes by sharing first prize in the Donner Memorial tournament in Amsterdam. In a subsequent match against Jeroen Piket, Timman re-established his pre-eminence amongst the leading Dutch players.

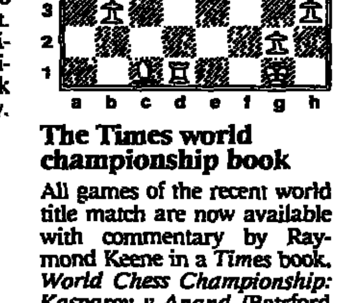
Yesterday, we featured Timman's defeat of Michael Adams, the British grandmaster, in the Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez. In the game today, Timman adopts the same fashionable variation as in Shirov v Leko, which was published on Tuesday. It will be noticed that Piket varied on move 17, where Leko tried 17. ... f5, but also lost. Both games exhibited a similar conclusion, a heavy sacrificial attack against the black king leading to a white victory.

White: Jan Timman
Black: Jeroen Piket
Second match game
Amsterdam, October 1995

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	h3	Bb7
10	d4	Re8
11	Nbd2	Bf8
12	a4	h6
13	Bc2	exd4
14	cxd4	Nb4
15	Bb1	c5
16	d5	Nd7
17	Ra3	c4
18	Nh2	f5
19	Rf3	Re5
20	Rg3	Nf6
21	b3	c3
22	Rxc3	fxe4
23	Nxe4	Nxe4
24	Bxe4	Rxe4
25	Rxe4	Nxd5
26	Rg3	Nc3
27	Rxc3	Bxe4
28	Ng4	h5
29	Nh6+	gxh6
30	Rg3+	Kf7
31	Qxh5+	Ke6
32	Qg4+	Kd5
33	Re3	Qe7
34	f3	Bg7
35	Rxe4	Be5
36	Re1	Qh7
37	Rd1+	Kc6
38	f4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



The Times world championship book

All games of the recent world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (please quote 5/655).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

Biblicals

AQUILA
a. A tentmaker
b. A legionary commander
c. A scribe

LEAH
a. A prophetess
b. A concubine of David
c. Wife of Jacob

MICAH
a. Wife of Moses
b. A revolutionary prophet
c. A Corinthian Christian

CANDACE
a. Queen of Ethiopia
b. Queen of Herod
c. A deaconess

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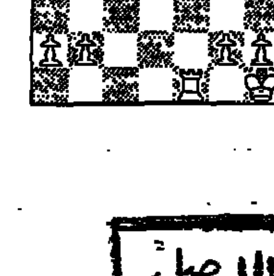
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Martinovic — Schwing, St Ingebert, 1995. Can you see how White made the most of his active pieces in this endgame?

Solution on page 46

Injury gives Regan new title chance

By Our Sports Staff

ROBBIE REGAN, the Welsh flyweight, will fight Ferid Mohammed Benjedou, of Tunisia, for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) interim title in Cardiff on December 16.

Regan gets his chance because the champion, Danny Romero, of the United States, has been relieved of the title after injury prevented him from defending within the specified time set by the IBF.

It is the first part of a deal that Regan, the former British and European champion, has signed with the promoter Frank Warren and comes six months after his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title defeat against Alberto Jimenez, of Mexico.

Warren said: "The IBF have stated that the winner of this fight will be their world flyweight champion and the only condition attached to it is that the victor makes his first defence against Romero."

After meeting a top-class performer in Jimenez, Regan is faced with another tough assignment against Benjedou, 29, who is unbeaten in 19 fights. The Tunisian southpaw has performed in Italy, Spain, Russia and Germany, so a trip to the Institute for Sport in Cardiff to meet Regan should not worry him.

Regan's British title "decider" against Francis Ampofo, the champion, due to be held in Cardiff next Wednesday, is off. Ampofo is not fit to fight and has been advised to take a three-month rest while, in the meantime, the British Boxing Board of Control awaits medical reports. John Morris, the Board secretary, said: "Hopefully, Francis will be cleared when he is further examined at the end of the three-month rest period, and will then be able to defend his title."

Ampofo was out of boxing for 12 months in 1993-94 after undergoing medical checks but returned with a WBO title fight against Jake Matlala, of South Africa, which he lost in nine rounds.

Richie Wenton, of Liverpool, is to defend his British flyweight title against Wilson Docherty, of Scotland, at the Everton Park Sports Centre on December 12.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Toronto 102 Seattle 97; Chicago 108 Dallas 102 (OT); Denver 107 Atlanta 99, Portland 109 LA Lakers 108.

CRICKET

MACKAY, Australia: Tour match (first day of tour): Queensland 277-7 (J P Maher 50, A Symonds 73) v Sri Lankans.

FOOTBALL

Tuesday's late results

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Nottingham Forest 1 Lyon (Fr) 0. Other ties: Slavia Prague (Cz) 0 Lens (Fr) 0; PSV Eindhoven (Holl) 2 Werder Bremen (Ger) 1. Bordeaux (Fr) 2 Real Betis (Sp) 0, Brondby (Den) 2 AS Roma (It) 1, Bayern Munich (Ger) 4 Benfica (Port) 1. Seville (Sp) 1 Barcelona (Sp) 1.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal 4 Sheffield Wednesday 2; Middlesbrough 0 Tottenham Hotspur 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0 Portsmouth 0. Birmingham 1 Derby 4; Charlton 2 Reading 1. Huddersfield 3 Leicester 1; Oldham 2 Millwall 2; Sheffield United 1 Grimsby 2. Watford 1 Luton 1; West Bromwich Albion 1 Norwich 4.

FA CUP: First round replays: Ashford 0 Bognor Regis 1, Brighton 4 Canvey Island 1. Bristol City 0 Bournemouth 1; Enfield 2 Newport (IoW) 1. Gillingham 1 Wycombe 0; Sutton United 1 Kidderminster 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min. Sutton won 3-2 on pens): Wigan 4 Runcorn 2. Woking 2 Barnet 1 (aet. 1-1 after 90min), Wrexham 0 Hull 0 (aet: Wrexham won 3-1 on pens)

FA CUP: Revised second-round draw: Altrincham or Crewe Alexandra v Mansfield Town, Barrow v Wigan Athletic; Blackpool v Colwyn Bay; Bradford City v Preston North End. Wrexham v Chesterfield, Rochdale v Darlington, Scunthorpe United v Shrewsbury Town. Stockport County v Blyth Spartans; Telford United v Notts County. Bournemouth v Brentford or Farnborough Town, Cinderford Town v Gravesend and Northfleet, Fulham v Brighton; Hereford United v Sutton United; Kingstonian v Plymouth Argyle; Enfield v Woking; Oxford United v Northampton Town, Peterborough United v Bognor Regis Town. Swindon Town v Cardiff City; Torquay United v Walsall, Gillingham v Hitchin Town.

☐ Ties to be played December 2 to 4

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove 1 Hednesford 4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Berwick 0 Queen of South 0

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton 1 Leek 2; Chorley 1 Marine 1, Emley 1 Blyth Spartans 3; Matlock 3 Guiseley 0. First division: Harrogate Town 1 Farsley Celtic 6. First division Cup: First round replay: Workington 3 Fleetwood 0. President's Cup: First round: Bamber Bridge 4 Warrington 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Rushden 2 Burton 0. Midland division: Kings Lynn 0 Tamworth 3

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood 0 Hayes 0. First division: Aldershot Town 6 Barton 2; Barking 1 Berkhamsted 2, Chesham 2 Whyteleafe 2; Uxbridge 2 Oxford City 2. Second division: Bedford Town 3 Dorking 1. Third division: Cove 3 Wingate and Finchley 1, Kingsbury 0 Hertford 2. Carlton Cup: First round: Chertsey 0 Yeovil 2; Hendon 3 St Albans 4; Staines 0 Walton and Hersham 1. Second round: Bishop's Stortford 3 Hitchin 0. Thame 3 Dulwich Hamlet 0; Wembley 2 Leyton Pennant 3. Postponed: Grays v Billericay

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont 2 Sandhurst 0; Viking Sports 4 Reading 2. Postponed: Farnham v Hartley Wintney.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second round: Hebburn 2 Ossett Albion 1; Chester Le Street 5 Whickham 1. Dunston FB 2 Cammell Laird 0; Easington Colliery 2 Ossett Town 1. Second round replays: West Auckland Tn 2 Yorkshire Amateurs 1: Hinckley Athletic 0 Raunds 2; Sawbridgeworth Tn 1 Furness 1; Chalfont St Peter 2 Leighton 0, Bracknell 1 Taunton 2.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 2 Burnham 0; Bicester 2 Kintbury 5.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 0 Bourne 0; Cogenhoe 3 Desborough 2, Eynesbury 3 Newport Pagnell 0; Holbeach 0 Stamford 1, Long Buckby 2 Northampton Spencer 3; Mirrlees Blackstone 3 St. Neots 1, S and L Corby 0 Spalding 3. Postponed: Wootton v Raunds.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 0 Diss 1, Fakenham 0 Wisbech 6, Felixstowe 1 Harwich and Parkeston 3: Newmarket 3 Haverhill 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover 1 Gosport 2. League Cup: Second round first leg: Ryde Sports 3 Wimborne 2

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division:, Eastwood Hanley 7 Rossendale 0. Postponed: Bootle v Burscough

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 4 Ringmer 1; Shoreham 2 Langney Sports 3: Wick 7 Horsham YMCA 2.

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: First round: Newtown 1 Aberystwyth 1.

CALOR COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: First round: Bangor 3 Ballymena 5, Carrick 2 Cliftonville 2 (aet: 1-1 after 90min, Carrick won 4-3 on pens). Crusaders 1 Linfield 0 (aet). Distillery 1 Ards 3; Glenavon 5 Dundela 0: Larne 3 Ballyclare 2 (aet: 2-2 after 90min). Newry 1 Glentoran 4; Portadown 1 Dromara 0 (aet)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 0 Queens Park Rangers 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Aston Villa 4 Burnley 2. Third division: Doncaster 0 Shrewsbury 1. Scunthorpe 4 Chesterfield 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Manchester 3 Rotherham 1, Queens Pk 1 Cardiff 0, Sunderland 4 Crewe Alexandra 0.

HOCKEY

CAPE TOWN: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: Argentina 1 Canada 0; South Korea 3 China 1: Great Britain 2 Holland 2: Germany 1 South Africa 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	5	4	0	1	6	2	8
South Korea	5	3	1	1	11	5	7
Argentina	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Britain	5	2	2	1	7	7	6
Holland	5	1	3	1	11	11	5
China	5	1	1	3	4	7	3
South Africa	5	1	1	3	3	7	3
Canada	5	0	1	4	1	6	1

☐ Top five countries qualify for Olympic Games in Atlanta.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 9 Pittsburgh 4, Boston 5 Winnipeg 4; Florida 4 New Jersey 3; Philadelphia 5 Los Angeles 2. Toronto 5 St Louis 2; Washington 3 San Jose 2: Anaheim 3 Calgary 2.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham 5 Sheffield 2.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Land Open championship: (GB unless stated) First round: N Pendrigh bt P Brake 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, J Male bt J Howell 6-4, 6-5, 6-3; K Sheldon bt A Lyons 5-6, 6-4, 6-3, 5-6, 6-0. Second round: R Fahey (Aus) bt A Phillips 6-0, 6-0, 6-4, N Wood bt B McFarlane (Aus) 6-3, 6-1, 6-1: F Filippelli bt N Pendrigh 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; M Devine bt D Jones 6-1, 6-1, 6-0, J Snow bt K Sheldon 6-3, 6-2, 6-1. Quarter-finals: L Deuchar (Aus) bt M Gooding 6-5, 6-3, 6-3 J Snow bt M Devine 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool B: Bègles-Bordeaux 14 Cardiff 14.

UNDER-21 MATCH: Glamorgan 24 New Zealand 15

CLUB MATCHES: Northampton 37 London Welsh 14; Exeter 42 Taunton 13. Cancelled: Glamorgan Wanderers v Cross Keys.

IEUAN EVANS TESTIMONIAL MATCH: British Isles XV 68 International Select XV 57.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: British Police 28 Combined Services 15 (at Imber Court).

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship: First round (England unless stated): Second round: J Higgins (Scot) bt A Robidoux (Can) 9-1; G Wilkinson bt T Griffiths (Wales) 9-3; J White bt S Reardon 9-4. K Doherty (Ire) bt J Ferguson 9-4. R O'Sullivan bt P Davies (Wales) 9-4; J Parrott bt W Thorne 9-3, C Small (Scot) bt M Flowerdew 9-2. D Taylor (N Ire) bt D Morgan (Wales) 9-8; P Hunter leads W Jones (Wales) 5-3; A Drago (Malta) leads M Williams (Wales) 5-3; M Bennett (Wales) level with A Hicks 4-4; N Bond level with A Knowles 4-4

VOLLEYBALL

HIROSHIMA: Men's World Cup: Argentina 3 Canada 0; Italy 3 China 0; Cuba 3 Tunisia 1. Holland 3 Brazil 1; Japan 3 Egypt 0; United States 3 South Korea 0.

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Former winners have the edge as competition reaches exciting climax

Corporate golfers mean business in final challenge

FROM MEL WEBB IN LA MANGA

A LONG and winding golfing road reaches its destination today when the third national final of *The Times* Mees-Pierson Corporate Golf Challenge gets underway here. A field that contained almost 800 teams has been distilled down to the last ten; the fun has not necessarily stopped, but there is no mistaking the whiff of battle in the air.

The next two days will produce highs and lows, successes and failures, joy and despondency among the 40 players who will play 18 holes of Stableford golf on each day, but, whatever the result come tomorrow night, none will readily forget their adventure under the southern Spanish sun.

The Challenge has reached new heights this year. Competition has been even more intense as increased entries have inevitably produced a higher standard of golf: in the event's three years it has never been more difficult to qualify for regional or national finals. Picking a winner gets more difficult. Each of the ten teams could present a legitimate case for consideration as possible victors; there is not much between them.

What can be said is that, in a competition of this nature, experience must be of inestimable value, and that alone puts the credentials of four of the teams contesting this final ahead of their opponents.

Prebon Yamane, the City of London firm of moneybrokers, won here last year and, after claiming an automatic place in the regional finals as defending champions, they promptly repeated the victory at The London Club that they gained in 1994.

They go into the competition shorn of one of their title-winning team — John Stewart, their four-handicap captain and former Essex county player, has been kept out of the final by an unmoveable foreign business appointment — but they looked mightily impressive at The London Club. Duncan Holdsworth, Bob Lough and Brian Thistlethwaite remain, and the replacement player, Mark Turner, plays off five and has the talent to make up for Stewart's absence. They will take some stopping.

So, too, will Hall and Coaker, the Sussex building firm that won the first national final in 1993. Three of the winning team that year, Danny Hall, Andy Coaker and Andy McClelland, are back again, while the fourth member of the team, Michael Stobbart is something of a dark horse.

Stobbart once played off a handicap of six, gave up the game for 12 years when he was 16, and less than 18 months after taking up the game again, has had his handicap reduced to 12. The team recorded 99 points, a Challenge record, in winning the southwest Home Counties regional final at Mannings Heath in October. That alone marks them out as men to watch.

The Yorkshire region of Allied Dunbar has two players, C. G. Peckham and Terry Gray, who appeared in the final last year, as does Chemical Corporation, a Caerphilly-based company, whose managing director, Alan Barham, and Nigel Insley, are making a return trip.

Meanwhile, in the team representing Data Connection, a London firm of computer software designers and developers, Christine Martin, a native of Detroit, will be doing her bit in the cause of the fairer sex.

Martin is the first woman to reach the Challenge national final and she produced a memorable study in anxiety as her team, the first on the course, waited to see if they would be overtaken in the northwest Home Counties regional final at Mentmore last month.

She could not sit down until their victory was confirmed; her relief when all was resolved was palpable. She promises to be more relaxed this week. Time will tell.

There is no doubt that prior knowledge of the course will be invaluable, but, after a practice day yesterday, the other six teams appearing here have been baptised in the manifold perils of a demanding layout. For some, it was a salutory lesson — this course does not forgive inaccurate golf lightly. For others, it was a reacquaintance with an old and hugely respected friend.

There is all to play for in the next two days. It promises much — yet again, the challenge of this Challenge has proved irresistible.

FINAL TEAMS

Handicaps in brackets

ALLIED DUNBAR (Yorkshire region): C G Peckham (11), T Gray (23), P Hurst (10), G Harrison (9)
BOLTON BIRCH: M McNamee (9), T Allen (15), N Williams (18), A Munroe (11)
CHEMICAL CORPORATION (UK): A Barham (20), N Insley (10), A James (16), M Insley (18)
CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE SOCIETY: M Buxton (13), J Ewing (13), M Hook (12), R Hogg (24).
DATA CONNECTION: A Lee (12), N Cooper (16), C Martin (19), D Brooker (9)
DRAKES GROUP: P Simcox (19), J Meager (17), M O'Brien (14), P Gyoury (7).
HALL AND COAKER: D Hall (16), A Coaker (19), A McClelland (12), M Stobbart (12).
LAWSON MARDON STAR: A Taylor (19), P Taylor (16), N Jones (18), A Evans (20).
PREBON YAMANE: D Holdsworth (10), B Thistlethwaite (12), R Lough (17), M Turner (5)
UNISYS: R Johnston (24), E Moroney (12), T Clyde (13), S Davison (13).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Martin, of Data Connection, follows her drive at the 7th during practice yesterday

SPORT IN BRIEF

Henman continues run of good form

TIM HENMAN'S surge of success continued yesterday when he claimed the scalp of Frederic Fetterlein, the No 7 seed, in the first round of the ATP Challenger tennis tournament in Andorra. Fetterlein, from Denmark, who, at No 85 in the world, is ranked 14 places above Henman, was losing 6-4, 4-1 when he surprisingly pulled out, claiming that he was ill.

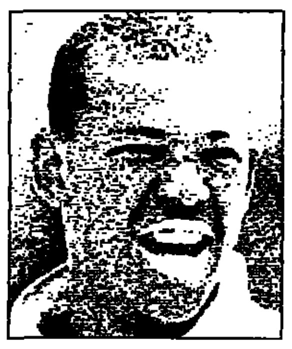
Today, Henman, 21, the British No 2, plays Michael Joyce, of the United States, who earlier this year beat Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, in the Canadian Open in Montreal.

☐ Chandra Rubin will replace Monica Seles, who is injured, in the United States team to play Spain in the Fed Cup final in Valencia this weekend. Billie Jean King, the United States captain, picked Rubin ahead of Martina Navratilova and Amy Frazier, who were the other reserves.

McKiernan misses out

ATHLETICS: Catherina McKiernan, of Ireland, who won the European women's cross country title in Alnwick, Northumberland, last year, will not return next Saturday to defend her title. Although McKiernan has recovered from the foot injury that kept her out of the world championships in Gothenburg, she is not expected to race until the new year.

Symonds saves day



CRICKET: Andrew Symonds, right, who played for Gloucestershire last summer, hit an unbeaten 73 from 75 balls yesterday to help Queensland to recover from 44 for three to 227 for seven on the first day of the four-day tour match against the Sri Lankans in Mackay.

☐ Phil Simmons, the West Indies all-rounder, has been appointed vice-captain of Leicestershire.

Snow storms through

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, of Great Britain, the world's leading amateur, defeated Mark Devine, his compatriot, the Leamington professional, emphatically in straight sets to reach the semi-final of the British Land British Open championship at Queen's Club, London. Snow has yet to drop a set in the competition.

Silver for England pair

RIFLE SHOOTING: Brent Smith and Peter Flippant, the England centre-fire pistol pair at the Commonwealth championships in Delhi, won the silver medal with 1,132 points, finishing 22 points behind Rana and Pandit, India's two outstanding pistol shooters, but ten points ahead of the Pakistan pair.

Swedes splashing out

YACHTING: A Swedish company, EF, is to enter two boats in the next Whitbread Round the World Race. The outlay will be around £10 million, the most spent by one syndicate participating in the 22-year-old event. Thirty-five syndicates from 15 countries have entered the race, which starts in September 1997.

Weakened Britain hold out for draw

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

Brown: fractured skull

GREAT Britain, handicapped by the loss of Karen Brown, produced a brave performance to draw 2-2 with Holland, the European champions, in the women's hockey Olympic qualifying tournament here yesterday.

Twice Britain had to come from behind. Suzan van der Wielen gave Holland an early lead but Rhona Simpson, of Scotland, brought Britain level. Jeannette Lewin put Holland back in front early in the second half but a Sue Fraser goal levelled matters three minutes later and Britain held out to earn a deserved share of the spoils.

Brown, Britain's most capped player and their outstanding defender, sustained a linear fracture of the skull after colliding with a Korean forward in the team's 3-1 defeat on Tuesday and will play no further part in the tournament.

Unconscious for nearly four minutes on the pitch, Brown, 32, spent the night in hospital before being discharged yesterday morning. Ros Carbon, the Britain squad's doctor, spent the day at the team hotel observing Brown.

"Karen is resting and putting a brave face on it all," Sue Slocombe, the Britain coach, said. With Brown out, Slocombe brought in Diane Renilson, of Scotland, who has not started a match here, to partner Atkins at the back against Holland.

"Brown's loss is a huge blow," Slocombe said. "Everyone knows that they really have to grit their teeth from now on."

GREAT BRITAIN: J Thompson (Ipswich), J Atkins (Bradford, captain), D Renilson (Edinburgh Ladies), S Fraser (Grove), L Cope (Leicester), M Davies (Sutton Coldfield), P Robertson (Grove), T Miller (Clifton), J Sixsmith (Sutton Coldfield), A Bennett (Slough), M Nicholls (Slough). Substitutes: S MacDonald (Glasgow Western), R Simpson (Edinburgh Ladies), C Cook (Hightown)

HOLLAND: S de Heij, N Holsboer, D van den Boogaard, M Teeuwen, S Plesman, J Lewin, F Steenberghe, W Duijster, S van der Wielen, E Kuipers, W de Ruiter, capt. Substitutes: M Vossen, M Donners, N Koolen.

Umpires: R Chalas (United States) and J McClintock (Canada)

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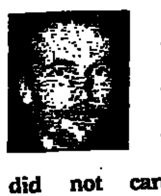
A good prize spoiled by lack of irony



Simon Barnes salutes some fine writing but takes issue with the sports book of the year committee

Love is not such a bad subject for a book. Tolstoy thought so, anyway. The shortlist for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year prize contains six books. All of them, in their different ways, deal with love.

There is a book written by a football fan that tells of his half-defiant, half-despairing love of Middlesbrough. There is a book written by a footballer about the complex thraldom of the journeyman pro: love confronted and communicated.

But the £5,000 winner's prize yesterday went to a book that did not communicate its love at all. It was written on the assumption that every sane person shares the author's gushing admiration for male American professional golfers. It lasts 475 pages, as if you could never get sick of gimmicks such as verbless paragraphs.

Which you do. Real soon. I did not care for John Feinstein's *A Good Walk Spoiled*. Not because of my anti-golf prejudices, only my pro-literature ones. That is not to say that there is no good stuff in it. There are some powerful vignettes of fear, the frailties of the great and the hopes-against-hope of the also-rans. The material could have formed the basis of a very good book indeed.

But, alas, this is a book colossally researched and minimally edited. It is a good book to give to anybody who really loves professional golf. It is worthy of a golf prize.

I did enjoy the second golf book: *Out of Bounds* by Lauren St John. It is written with love offset by irony, a quality that is a stranger to Feinstein.

But my own winner is the footballer's book, *Left Foot Forward* by Garry Nelson, subtitled *A Year in the Life of a Journeyman Footballer*. On scoring his first goal of the season for Charlton: "These days, whenever I get the ball in the net, it's always more a matter of feeling relief than joy or excitement. A pretty revealing comment, I suspect, as to where I've got in the game and the confidence I've got about being a regular."

Dagger sharp, that. If your interest in professional athletes lies this side of idolatory, read it. Fear is Nelson's companion; fear lit with occasional shafts of relief. And that is what sport is about.

The fan's book, *The Far Corner*, is part of the post-Hornby wave of football writing, and is full of good things. "I support Middlesbrough. When people ask me why, I say, 'Because I'm a glory-seeker'."

The most remarkable story is told in *Bull: The Biography*, Howard Wright's book about Phil Bull, the racing man who invented Timeform. Wright lets a good tale tell itself — not easy to do — though it is very much a racing person's book.

The last is *The Prize-Fighters* by Arlene Schulman, a misty-eyed look at boxing complete with sepia photography: "Eyes that have seen victory, endured defeat … gentle, intelligent, whimsical or tired, eyes that …" That's quite enough of that.

I fear you find me in carping mood. Perhaps I should declare a non-interest: I have no sports book in print or in preparation. The William Hill prize is a jolly good thing and I wish I had won it, but I think the committee has got it badly wrong.

SHORTLIST

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Taking the game of life into extra time

BRYANT'S EYE

Can sport make you immortal? Or can it, at least, help you live a little longer? It's a question both raised and challenged by stories that have appeared in the past few days.

The Russian ice skater, Sergei Grinkov, twice the Olympic pairs champion and four times world champion, died from a heart attack on Monday at Lake Placid in New York. He collapsed while training with his wife and partner, Ekaterina Gordeyeva. Grinkov was just 28.

The day before, a report was published on the longevity of the long-distance runner saying that an insurance company, Indianapolis Life, had plans to offer heavily discounted life assurance policies to anyone who can prove that they have completed a full or half-marathon within the past six months. The company has launched the scheme, called Runner's Edge, in the United States and hopes to move on to sell similar policies in Great Britain. Their actuaries reckon that if people are fit enough to compete in such events, they must also have lifestyles healthy enough to reduce the risk of death — and they want to extend the cheap premiums on offer to competitors in other sports.

The "sporting lifestyle" market is one that British companies already have an eye on. Sun Alliance offers a 12.5 per cent discount for people who fall within its "healthy living criteria". To qualify, you must be a non-smoker and pass a tough weight-to-height test. If you play a sport or exercise regularly, you might qualify for an even bigger discount.

The sportsman, or the insurance salesman, can consult a vast amount of research being carried out into the effects of exercise on life-span. The latest in a spate of seemingly conflicting reports says that to live longer, your best bet is to exercise vigorously.

'You'll have to sweat if longevity is your goal'

Moderate exercise may be fine for health, but if longevity is your goal, you will have to sweat. Newly-published Harvard research, from a study that has followed 17,300 middle-aged men for more than 20 years, has found that only vigorous, as opposed to gentle, exercise reduced their risk of dying during the study period.

Men who did at least 1,500 calories worth of tough sporting activity a week had a 25 per cent lower death rate during the study than those who expended less than 150 calories a week. To reap these benefits, you have to do the equivalent of playing an hour of singles tennis three days a week, swimming lengths for three hours, cycling for four hours or jogging for three hours each week. Generally, the more active the men were, the longer they were likely to live. This effect was seen even in men who smoked or were overweight. The bad news for some, though, was that no beneficial effect on longevity was found among the men who pursued only non-vigorous activities such as golf.

The director of the Harvard study says the risk to longevity associated with the failure to exercise vigorously could be compared with the effects of smoking a packet of cigarettes a day or hitting the scales at 20 per cent more than your ideal weight.

In case this all terrifies you, there are, thankfully, plenty of sporting gurus who are ready to speak out against exercising too vigorously. Dr Ken Cooper, often called the father of aerobic fitness, warns that "more isn't always better". Cooper worries that serious sportsmen and exercisers "may risk free-radical damage" thought to cause many age-related illnesses. In order to combat this, he advises all exercisers to throttle back and to take antioxidants such as beta-carotene and vitamins C and E.

Then there's always Jim Fixx. He made his name and fortune when his *Complete Book of Running* was read by millions. But then his own sad and sudden death at 52 from a heart attack while out running gave the anti-exercise lobby a field day. "Mr Jogging dies going for a run," the headlines rejoiced.

But, of course, apart from the insurance salesmen, anyone who looks at sport as an exercise in prolonging life misses the point. We run, play tennis, football or hockey, cycle, swim, row, ride horses or whatever because these activities improve the quality of our lives — not the quantity. Playing such games to buy yourself years is like taking up painting merely to strengthen your arm.

'Sport may help you to pay up for longer'

There is strong evidence that it is not just hard exercise but rather the play element in sport that provides the real health benefits. Studies done on 30,000 men in Britain and Ireland showed that hard physical work did nothing to alter coronary-risk factors. But, in the same group, hard physical activity during leisure time showed a significant reduction in risk factors and heart attacks. Not by hard labour, but by swimming and running, by tennis and squash did these men achieve health and long life.

Whatever the evidence about sport and life-span, the game the insurance men are really playing is called "selling". They see sport as a marketing opportunity in a niche market which they believe will grow. Already most golf clubhouses display adverts encouraging players to insure against the dangers of hitting other people. They even offer cover against the cost of the round of drinks that follow a hole in one. Sport won't help you live for ever, they know, but it might help you pay up your insurance premiums for a very long time.

Tyser & Co, insurance brokers of London, are playing right up front in this game. They can arrange a "healthy lifestyle" discount for those who exercise regularly and can make their weigh-in. If you are 6ft 2in, for instance, you're OK up to 14 stone — but only just.

The market is small, they say, but growing. It is not, however, growing fast enough in their own ranks. No one among the twenty-something sporty types at the Tyser office actually qualifies for the healthy living discount at the moment. They are all just a little overweight.

JOHN BRYANT

Crawley and Malcolm given fighting chance

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN BLOEMFONTEIN

JOHN CRAWLEY and Devon Malcolm are room-mates on this leg of the England tour and they should have conversation in common. Neither is in the Test team but, as good sportsmen must, both feel they ought to be, so the three-day game that begins here today is, for them at least, more than mere practice. It is a fleeting chance to embrace a tour that threatens to cast them both adrift.

Raymond Illingworth, the team manager, has included the concerned couple against Free State but, unless circumstances alter, he will not be doing the same when the teamsheet is completed for the second Test, which starts in Johannesburg a week today. The batting for that match is decided, barring injury, and the one conceivable change in the bowling — a shift to the all-seam attack favoured by South Africa — remains improbable.

Cannily, Illingworth was discounting nothing yesterday, reflecting as he did on the folly of the South African strategy of gung-ho, heavy artillery on a sluggish first Test pitch at Centurion Park. "Sometimes, when you set your mind to doing something, you become blinkered about the conditions," he said. "It's best to have no preconceived ideas. We may yet end up playing four quicks in the next Test. The chance is there for Devon and the others."

Illingworth remains unconvinced by Malcolm. "He doesn't talk a lot, he's not the easiest to converse with, but he must know he has to show something here. It may be another slow pitch but let's see if he charges up and puts the effort in."

For his part, Malcolm was under no illusions. "It has crossed my mind that, if I don't play in the next Test, the series could be over for me; but I won't give up, I promise you."

Thus far, Malcolm in poor form has been closer to the Test side than Crawley at his best. Crawley, unrecognisable from last winter's figure with his thin frame and shorn hair, has made 194 runs in three first-class innings on tour and is doubtless frustrated that he will bat no higher than No 6 today.

Brian Lara is believed to be one of four West Indies players facing disciplinary action after last summer's tour of England, which was racked by internal squabbling. Although the West Indies board refused to identify the four, Lara, Carl Hooper, Curtly Ambrose and Kenneth Benjamin have been booked into the Barbados hotel where a hearing is to be held this week.

This, however, is better than missing out completely, which was one option as England strive to keep the Test players ticking over amid the remarkable wet spell that aborted an intended net session yesterday. Illingworth created space by resting Graeme Hick and Jack Russell, leaving Alec Stewart to open the innings and keep wicket, and he said of Crawley: "He has worked very hard on this tour and he knows that, when his chance does come, as I think it will, he must grab it."

It is not likely to come, however, before Durban in mid-December. Even if Mark Ramprakash fails again here at Springbok Park, his Test place is secure, the view being that he must have two games to sink or swim. But Graham Thorpe, who has scored 17 runs in three innings since returning from compassionate home leave, is causing anxiety.

"He is very important to us, as a left-hander in the middle order, but he needs runs here," Illingworth said, adding with mock solemnity that Thorpe can expect no sympathy if he repeats the schoolboyishly hotheaded shot against Paul Adams from which he was stumped in Kimberley. "If he does something like that again, it wouldn't be wise for him to come back via the dressing-room."

Free State will be led by the national captain, Hansie Cronje, and one man keen to make an impression will be Nicky Boje, 22, a rival to Adams if and when the South Africa selectors decide to pick a wicket-taking slow bowler. The Free State pace attack, however, will be thin, as both Allan Donald and their overseas player, the ubiquitous Franklyn Stephenson, are resting.

ENGLAND: M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, R A Smith, J P Crawley, D G Cork, Peter Martin, M C Ilott, R K Illingworth, D E Malcolm.

FREE STATE: W J Cronje (captain), G F J Liebenberg, D Jordaan, L J Wilkinson, J F Venter, C F Craven, B Dippenaar, H C Bakkes, N Boje, P J L Radley, N W Pretorius.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Ramprakash lends Malcolm a helping hand during practice yesterday

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England A face tougher test

FROM PAT GIBSON IN MULTAN

THE success of the England A cricket team in winning the first six games of their tour has embarrassed Pakistan into changing their policy for the two remaining international matches, at Rawalpindi and Peshawar. The opposition is going to be much stronger from now on.

Two Test players, Shoaib Mohammad and Manzoor Elaih, are expected to be called up to reinforce an ailing Pakistan A team that could show six changes from the side beaten by an innings and 43 runs in the first five-day international at Multan.

The Pakistan reaction is just what England A wanted. Their team manager, John Emburey, said: "Our policy from the start was to prove to them that we are a good side so that, when we did get to the big matches, they would be more worried about us than we are about them. This is what has happened.

"Their lack of success in the Test in Australia and their lack of success in this series makes it look as though Pakistan cricket is not in very good order. Now, instead of just having a look at their youngsters, they are bringing one or two more experienced players out of the cupboard and throwing them in against us."

Shoaib, 34, and holder of an imposing batting average of 46 in his 41 Tests, and Manzoor, 32, an accomplished all-rounder who has played in only four Tests, but 51 one-day internationals, should make a difference to the Pakistan side and the tour far more valuable to England as a result.

"It is a tribute to the way we have played so far," Emburey said. "This tour is not just about winning. It is about learning as well."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

AQUILA

(a) Aquila and Priscilla were Jewish Christians evicted from Rome and settled in Corinth, he a tentmaker. They were Paul's hosts in Corinth and accompanied him when he left to go back to Syria. They settled in Ephesus. *Acts*, 18: 2 *Timothy*, 4.

LEAH

(c) Elder daughter of Laban and, with her sister Rachel, wife to their cousin Jacob. Leah bore six of Jacob's 12 sons and their daughter Dinah. Claude painted the two sisters with Jacob in one of his luscious landscapes at the Hermitage.

MICAH

(b) Prophet, a Judaean countryman who lived towards the end of the 8th century BC when Amos and Hosea were active in neighbouring Israel. Micah was specially agitated by the poverty of the tillers of the soil, championed the poor against the rich and the countryside against the town, and joined in the general Gingrichish denunciation of vice, materialism and the decay of family life. He preached repentance before it was too late with the urgency of one who believes that time is running out.

CANDACE

(a) Queen of Ethiopia and owner of a eunuch who was converted and baptised by the deacon Philip. *Acts*, 8.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Bh6+! Kxf6 (otherwise Black loses his rook); 2. R1e6+ Kf5; 3. Re5+ Kg4; 4. h3+ Kh4; 5. Bg5+ Kh5; 6. g4 mate.

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FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Under-23 match
Glamorgan County v New Zealand (at Bridgend, 7.0)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Tottenham (at Dulwich Hamlet, 7.0); Ipswich v Arsenal (at Bury St Edmunds)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Tranmere (at Southport FC, 7.0) Second division: Bradford v Huddersfield (7.0); Leicester v Coventry (7.0); Sunderland v Manchester City (7.0); Port Vale v York (7.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v UCD (7.45).

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton v Wimborne.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Replay: Mansfield v Walsall.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Sefton v East Northumberland (at Bootle FC, 7pm). FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Leicestershire v Derbyshire (at Lutterworth Town 7.30); Wiltshire v Devon (at Wootton Bassett 1.45)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston); World Amateur Championship (Bristol)

RADIO CHOICE

Hellish kind of comedy

Old Harry's Game. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*

It cannot be said of this new comedy serial about two new arrivals in Hell that the Devil has all the best tunes. There aren't any. But he certainly has all the best lines, something that Andy Hamilton has fiendishly ensured by writing them himself. Not all of them are as pitchfork-sharp as this one: "God only came up with the idea of eternity because he couldn't think of an ending." It is a considerable improvement on Old Nick's explanation of why he has stopped going around sowing discord: "No need to now. The UN does it for me." In Hamilton's Hell, there is an Abyss of Despair that is "only just big enough for Robert Maxwell".

On the Line: Lust for Lustre's Sake. *Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm.*

There is an equation in women's athletics which, taken at face value, sounds like common sense to me: "Weight loss equals sporting gain." This inquiry digs deep into the slogan and discovers some frightening truths lurking inside it. One is labelled the female athletic triad. Drastic weight loss through obsessive slimming and excessive training can lead to amenorrhoea (absence of periods) which in turn can lead to osteoporosis and even death. One former Olympic distance runner did not have a period for nine years. She feared her dedication to sport could have robbed her of the chance to have a baby. As it happened, the fear proved to be unfounded. She was one of the lucky ones.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat; and at **6.15** The Net **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite **10.00** *Mark Radcliffe* **12.00** Claire Sturgess, incl at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Children in Need. Judi Spiers launches the 1995 appeal on Radio 2 **8.30** Bob Holness **10.00** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden, incl **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews and at **11.00** News; Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.15** Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale, incl at **5.45** Entertainment **7.00** News Extra incl **7.20** Sport **7.35** On the Line. See Choice **8.05** Women on Top **9.05** SportsAmerica **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Composer of the Month **8.45** Good Books **9.00** News in German **9.15** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf: *Middlemarch* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Around the Beatles **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Assignment **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack: X-Press **3.00** News in German **3.15** The Learning World **3.30** Network UK **4.00** World News **4.15** The World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Faith **7.30** John Peel **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10** Take Five **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Health **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** On the Move **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** Heritage **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Drama: *The Mind Body Problem* **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe **4.45** Folk Routes

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner. **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Mendelssohn (Concerto in E for two pianos); Smetana (String Quartet No 2); Holst (Hymn to Dionysus, Op 31 No 2); Rameau (Suite: Platée); Chopin (Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 45); **8.25** *Purcell Portfolio*: A selection of songs
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Telemann (Concerto in D for three trumpets); Mozart (Flute Quartet in C); Cilea (E la solita storia del pastore, L'Arlesiana); Copland (Suite: Appalachian Spring)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet); Palestrina (Ave Maria); Wagner (Stehe still, Wesendonck Lieder); **10.30** *Artist of the Week*: John Lill, piano. Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor); **11.15** Purcell (Lovers who to their first embrace go, Circe); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 4 in G minor); Mathias (Recessional)
12.00 Fairest Isle: *Composer of the Week*: Maw (Balulalow; Spring Music; The Ruin)
1.00pm Fairest Isle: Wartime at the National Gallery. Presented by Robert Philip (4/5)
2.00 Schools: Radio Showcase **2.05** In the News **2.25** Something to Think About **2.40** Music Workshop
3.00 Fairest Isle: British Opera Matinée. A double bill of contemporary opera. Thea Musgrove's *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge* followed by at **3.40** Judith Weir's *Blond Eckbert*
5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson investigates the Royal School of Church Music
5.15 In Tune, presented by Sean Rafferty from Belfast. **5.45** Walmisley (Sonatina No 2 in G); **6.03** Delius (At Night, Florida Suite); **6.35** Malcolm Arnold (Fantasy on a Theme of John Field)
7.25 Fairest Isle: The Royal Concert, from the Festival Hall. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. *The National Anthem*, arr Gordon Jacob. Walton (Overture: Portsmouth Point); Elgar (Overture: In the South, Alassio); Maw (Variations for Orchestra); **8.30** Matchless Man. Bruce Wood considers the tributes that followed Purcell's death (r); **8.50** Purcell (Funeral Sentences for the death of Queen Mary II; Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? God, Thou art my God); Britten (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell)
9.50 States of Mind: Secret Theatres of the Mind. Michael Ignatieff explores schizophrenia
10.15 Fairest Isle: Holst (Twelve Songs to Words by Humbert Wolfe: Peter Pears, tenor; Benjamin Britten, piano)
10.45 Night Waves. Michele Roberts talks to Nigel Barley about attitudes to death
11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor, The Hen); Casken (Violin Concerto)
1.00-1.40 Night School: German 14-16

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, with Michael Buerk
10.00-10.30 News; Cinema 100: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (FM only), by Anita Loos, dramatised by Jeremy Front (3/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only). The Cavalier Parliament
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray live from the BBC Good Food Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham. Serial: Patricia Hodge reads *The Misses Mallett* by E.H. Benson (7/12)
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Questions of Taste. Chris Kelly chairs the last in the series **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Dat's Love, by Leonora Brito, a play about singing rivals in 1950s Cardiff
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Beatlemania continues as Paul Allan visits the Everyman in Liverpool to see *Beat*, a new comedy by Fred Lawless
4.45 Short Story: Pepys with Money in the Bank. Ian McElhinney reads Ronan Bennett's story
5.00 PM, with Nigel Wrench and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Old Harry's Game. See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Cinema 100: Struggles of the Screenwriter. Kevin Jackson explores the history of movie screenwriting
8.00 Analysis. Frances Cairncross asks what history is for
8.45 Africa 95: Continent Adrift: Letters from Africa. Syl Cheney-Coker retraces Graham Greene's footsteps in Freetown (5/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for listeners with disabilities
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Inside Mr Enderby. Sir Robert Stephens reads from a classic black comedy by Anthony Burgess, abridged by Alison Joseph (1/12)
11.00 Julie Enfield Investigates the Smithfield Murders, by Nick Fisher. With Imelda Staunton (4/5)
11.30-12.00 Offspring (FM only). John Peel conducts another tour of family life (r)
11.00 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Bright Lights, Big City. Chris Eigeman reads Jay McInerney's classic tale (4/9)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

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Cromwell Street seen from the sitting room

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

If you were on the race track it would be called burning rubber. I'm not sure what the equivalent is in television edit suites — burning celluloid perhaps. But whatever the right term, it was happening in spades yesterday afternoon. No sooner had the jury delivered their verdicts in Winchester, than the documentary departments switched into overdrive.

The result was three "instant" programmes — **Public Eye: The Cromwell Street Murders** (BBC2), **Dispatches: The Shame of Cromwell Street** (Channel 4) and *Behind Closed Doors* (ITV, most regions). Having long ago mastered the art of watching two televisions at once (it saves such a lot of time), I settled for the first two and set my video to catch the third, a personal account of the murders from Anne-Marie West, Frederick West's daughter.

Actually, watching two programmes at once was hardly difficult, as both had taken exactly the same approach. "Now the real questions start," began *Public Eye*. "How did the Wests get way with this series of murders, who could have stopped them and why did they fail?"

Dispatches began in similar vein, promising to show "how the terrible tragedy of Gloucester's Cromwell Street could have been avoided and how Rosemary West and her husband operated for so long undetected". In fairness, there probably was no other approach.

Inevitably, the two programmes continued to have much in common. The same footage of human remains being carried out of Cromwell Street: the same old newspaper cuttings reporting offences and incidents that should have sparked alarm 20, or even 30 years ago and many of the same witnesses.

Whichever version you watched, it was the witnesses that gave both programmes their undeniable power. It wasn't what they said — for those who had followed the trial carefully there was little that was new — it was that they were saying it to camera, to us, for the first time. Faces could at last be put to names that had hitherto only existed in newspaper columns, personal accounts linked to courtroom evidence.

Of the two version of events, it was the *Dispatches* version that adopted the more populist approach, very much the hallmark of its maker, ITN. Remains were not just carried out, they were carried out in slow motion and to sombre music. At the beginning, there was a distinct danger of the paperback prose being overdone: "You could hardly find a less likely setting for mass murder than this small cathedral city on the edge of the Cotswolds."

But then the personal accounts began again, the long series of "if only" questions began to unfold and the account became every bit as horribly watchable as the BBC's only modestly more restrained version. "Cromwell Street — the sort of place that attracted people who would not be missed."

Both teams traced the same cruel sequence of mistakes, misjudgments and sheer incompetence — by the courts, the police, the social services — with customary professionalism. And both teams did fine jobs.

But it was the amateurs caught up in the case — the reluctant relatives, the not-nosey-enough neighbours — who stuck in the memory. The brothers of Rosemary West, who manfully admitted that their family shares a part of the blame for what occurred, and Liz Agius, the neighbour who was hand-cuffed by Frederick West and survived. "I didn't know they were going to kill anybody, or torture anybody. You wouldn't have thought they were the type of couple to have done that."

By complete contrast, the evening had earlier got off to a considerably more edifying start with **A Slice of Life** (BBC2), the enjoyable opening programme of which was haunted by the spirit of that great comedien, Joyce Grenfell.

"We were so bracing and so jolly in the Ministry of Food," said one former food adviser, happy to admit that while Winston Churchill's teacher provided the elocution lessons, it was Grenfell who provided the role model for the army of women recruited to keep the nation's wartime diet balanced.

Service on the kitchen front required both stamina and courage, we learnt from this delightful bunch of now rather senior gels, including Barbara Castle who did a stint in the ministry's fish department. They were the sort of gels who thought nothing of lugging gas cookers half-way up a Welsh mountain to demonstrate how to make turnip pudding or carrot flan. As for courage, well you try being the gel who had to tells the Women's Institute how to make jam.

Marguerite Patten recalled how in every village there was always one formidable woman who began, " Young woman. I have been making jam for 40 years."

This programme owed its success entirely to the good company of the women providing first hand accounts, women who, by and large, are as bracing and jolly now as they had been 50 years ago. Whether future programmes will be as fortunate as they chart the history of British food over subsequent decades remains to be seen.

There was something very familiar about this programme. Grainy, black and white film clips intercut with first hand testimony — we must have seen this format a dozen times before this year. Five years ago it might have enjoyed a morning slot on schools television but now, rather strangely, it finds itself filling the evening prime time. Will this one cut the ratings mustard? The proof of the televised turnip pudding is in the watching.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (90120)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94379491)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (4919859)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5366410) **10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook.** Ainsley Harriott challenges two hopeless cooks to create an edible family favourite (s) (9885453)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (4277526)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9361762) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (4427410) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (23134762)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (93168)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (92534149) **1.50 The Flying Doctors.** (Ceefax) (s) (5305236) **2.35 This Is Your Life** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2241323) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (1765675)
3.30 Moomin (5980304) **3.55 Monster Cafe** (s) (5477675) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (Ceefax) (s) (6998507) **4.35 Smart** (Ceefax) (s) (1527149) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8549255) **5.10 Byker Grove** (Ceefax) (5135656)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (553236)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (255)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (507)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (7014)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (491)
8.00 Animal Hospital. Rolf Harris explores the work of an RSPCA hospital. (Ceefax) (s) (6762)
8.30 The Brittas Empire: Playing with Fire. Gordon finds himself home alone while Helen takes the twins to Cornwall for a week's break (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5897) **WALES: 8.30** Wonder Woman
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9127)

Teresa Banham and Francesca Hunt (9.30pm)

9.30 Roughnecks. Gambling fever is rife aboard the Osprey, with a young steward getting in over his head. Reformed gambler Cinders tries to teach the lad a lesson. (Ceefax) (s) (592746)
10.20 Redcaps: Blood, Beer and Tears. A focus on the section of the British Army that polices its men, the Royal Military Police (Ceefax) (s) (427694) **WALES: 10.20** The Slate
10.50 Question Time. David Dimbleby is joined in Leeds by Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, Ann Taylor, MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons; Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of the West Yorkshire Police; and the columnist and broadcaster Richard Littlejohn (353743)
11.50 FILM: She Was Marked for Murder (1988) starring Stefanie Powers, Hunt Block, Lloyd Bridges, Debrah Farentino and Polly Bergen. A widow has little time for a private life after the death of her husband. However, she is deliriously happy when she is swept off her feet by a handsome charmer, until she learns some chilling secrets about his past. Directed by Chris Thomson (Ceefax) (s) (642830) **WALES: 11.50** Children in Need **11.55** Redcaps **12.25-2.00am** Film: She Was Marked for Murder
1.25am Weather (3068927)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Metropolis (24675) **6.30 Nature by Design** (41217)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4603743)
7.15 Lassie (4165746) **7.40 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (1845526) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r) (3079762) **8.35 The Record** (s) (4852946)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (s) (7285679)
2.00 The Family Ness (r) (76724507) **2.05 Bump** (76723878) **2.10 A Century of Warfare** *Jungle Warfare — The Pacific Theatre 1943-1945* (8639385)
3.00 News (Ceefax) (7596694) **3.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) (6441120) **4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (120) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (304) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4219033) **5.40 Unspeakable Verse** (513743)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. Science-fiction adventures (Ceefax) (s) (459878)
6.45 Rocky Star (b/w) Spoof sci-fi (583830)
6.50 Close Up. Philip French chooses a scene from *Bad Day at Black Rock* (s) (247526)
7.00 Waiting for God Retirement home comedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5656)
7.30 First Sight. How flat-owners are exploited by freehold landlords (753) **WALES: 7.30** Homeland; **EAST: 7.30** Matter of Fact; **MIDLANDS: 7.30** Midlands Report; **NORTH, NORTH-EAST, NORTH-WEST: 7.30** Close Up North; **SOUTH: 7.30** Southern Eye **SOUTH-WEST: 7.30** Close Up **WEST: 7.30** Close Up West

Brian McKinnon, alias Brandon Lee (8.00pm)

8.00 Public Eye: The Lives of Brian. The case of 32-year-old Brian McKinnon who posed as a 17-year-old schoolboy (Ceefax) (s) (4304)
8.30 Top Gear (Ceefax) (s) (3439)
9.00 **The Ghostbusters of East Finchley.** (Ceefax) (s) (7859)
9.30 The Young Ones (r) (Ceefax) (41168)
10.00 **Doctors in the Dock: Kidneys for Sale** (Ceefax) (s) (13897)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (631168)
11.15 Late Review (s) (586304) **11.55 Weather** (933588) **12.00 Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips** (33705)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University — Manage that Change (48732) **1.00** Managing Public Services: All Change? (87279) **1.30** Wirral Metropolitan College: Managing Change (95786) **2.00 FETV Short Cuts:** Child Development and Care (41521) **4.00 BBC Focus:** The Science Archive (13908) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (34434)

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CHOICE

Secret Lives: Edward VIII
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Part two of the debunk of the Duke of Windsor concentrates on his wartime activities and in particular the accusation that he hoped for a Nazi victory so that he could return to the British Throne and install his wife, who had been shunned by the Royal Family, as Queen. Hitler, it seems, was not averse to the idea, though, like this programme, he probably overestimated Edward's political importance after he ceased to become King and went into exile. The evidence is partly derived from Edward's recorded statements but there remains a large element of speculation. The film also implicates Edward in illegal currency dealings, both during and after the war, from which he is said to have made the equivalent of £2½ million in today's money.

Kidney specialist Dr Raymond Crockett (BBC2, 10pm)

Doctors in the Dock: Kidneys for Sale
BBC2, 10.00pm

The series about disgraced medics recalls the case of two doctors accused by the General Medical Council of taking part in the sale of human organs. Raymond Crockett was a kidney specialist, with a successful Harley Street practice. Michael Bewick was Britain's leading kidney transplant surgeon. Their appearance before the GMC followed revelations that the Turkish donors of kidneys for four of their patients had been paid. Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, called the practice repugnant and the law was changed to stop it. Crockett was struck off. Bewick ordered to confine his work to the NHS. Looking back on the incident, both men wonder whether they were victims of political expediency rather than ethical concern.

The Ghostbusters of East Finchley
BBC2, 9.00pm

Underneath the quirky humour of Tony Grounds's series there is sadness bordering on desperation. Shorn of the jokes this would be a very disenchanted view of British working-class life in the 1990s, a world of low aspirations and even lower achievement. Even with the gags, the reality is never far away. Significantly, the one character who has made a success of her life is Mrs Padget. Played in appropriately vulgar style by Sheila Gish, she runs a hotel for fantasy sex. Whether she will run it much longer is one of the main narrative strands, as the young tax fraud investigators Jackie (Catherine Holman) and Kevin (Paul Reynolds) are on her trail.

Hands Up
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The education magazine highlights an injustice which affects thousands of schoolchildren, of getting redress when their exam papers are wrongly marked. Last year 10,000 GCSE and 18,000 A-level grades were queried by schools and one of the main complaints is that remarking takes so long. A pupil from Hampshire lost her place at an art college because her GCSE grades were not good enough, only to learn seven months later that she had been regraded to the necessary standard. There was no compensation. In another report Jon Snow looks at pre-school education and compares our proposed voucher scheme with the French system of free and universal access to nursery schools from the age of three. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9613149)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Quiz (s) (9962033)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (4905366)
10.00 The Time...The Place (s) (8589323)
10.35 This Morning (72603385)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9367946)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9390410)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9375101) **1.25 Emmerdale** (Teletext) (r) (61343089) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (92522304) **2.20 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (70771033)
2.50 The Lady Killers: Perils of Pregnancy Women's health (r) (Teletext) (2232675)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8434491)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8433762)
3.30 The Riddlers (5469656) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (6661217) **3.50 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (5463472) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (5639859) **4.15 Fantomcat** (s) (6982946) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (s) (2641946)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating includes interviews with Pierce Brosnan and the stars of the new Bond film, *Goldeneye*. (Teletext) (7579439)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (803878)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers air their views (373120)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (323)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (675)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (5410)
7.30 The Big Story. The risks of amniocentesis tests (Teletext) (859)
8.00 The Beatles — Real Love. UK premiere of their new single *Real Love*. (424168)
8.05 The Bill: Heart of Gold. When a businessman reports his credit card stolen, Boulton and Lines uncover some dodgy dealings. (Teletext) (616052)
8.35 Michael Barrymore's My Kind of People (Teletext) (s) (590675)

Sinister nanny Rebecca De Mornay (9.05pm)

9.05 FILM: The Hand that Rocks the Cradle (1992). The film which launched a thousand "Nanny from hell" stories. A gynaecologist commits suicide after he is accused of sexual abuse and his widow tracks down the woman who accused him. She insinuates herself into the family's life, with terrifying results. Starring Annabella Sciorra and Rebecca De Mornay. Directed by Curtis Hanson. **Continues after the News.** (Teletext) (s) (443439)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (74633)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (370675)
10.40 FILM: The Hand that Rocks the Cradle continued (7357014)
11.55 Big City (s) (320830) **12.25am War of the Worlds** (r) (4722618) **1.20 Shift** (3305298) **2.15 The Beat** (r) (s) (4503434)
3.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (6720927)
4.05 On the Live Side (r) (s) (19459521)
4.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (3134366)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (44076)
5.30 ITN Morning News (21960). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff. Cartoon series (r) (9568976)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (76491)
9.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (87472)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (4406149) **9.45** 7318965) **10.05** Scientific Eye (4830878) **10.25** Geographical Eye (3386675) **10.45** Le Petit Monde de Pierre (1183156) **11.00** Breaking the Mould (2352453) **11.20** Reviewing the Landscape (6313491) **11.40** The Spanish Programme (4727217)
12.00 House To House. Political magazine (24156)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is Garth Brooks (81675) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** (r) (s) (25122439) **1.55 Ragtime Bear** The first *Mr Magoo* cartoon (98386255)
2.00 FILM: Johnny Frenchman (1945, b/w) starring Françoise Rosay, Tom Walls and Patricia Roc. A drama about the rivalry between Breton and Cornish fishermen. Directed by Charles Frend (1946)
4.00 Think Tank. Team quiz (Teletext) (s) (588)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (472)
5.00 Ricki Lake. A discussion on romantic room-mates. (Teletext) (s) (1897615)
5.45 Terrytoons (893491)
6.00 Home Improvement. (Teletext) (s) (965)
6.30 New Gamesmaster. Computer and video games magazine (s) (217)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (666526)
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (451052)

Jon Snow on pre-school education (8.00pm)

8.00 **Hands Up.** (9472)
8.30 Sophie's Meat Course: Poultry. In the second of her series Sophie Grigson is joined by Graham Portwine, a master butcher. (Teletext) (s) (8507)
9.00 **Secret Lives: Edward VIII — the Traitor King.** (Teletext) (2675)
10.00 FILM: Running Delilah (1993) starring Kim Cattrall, François Guétary and Billy Zane. A science-fiction thriller about a government agent who is killed after taking one risk too many. Her body is taken to a secret experimental laboratory where she is brought back to life with new powers implanted in her body and ready to take on an old foe. Directed by Richard Franklin (611930)
11.40 Get Up, Stand Up. Irreverent comedy sketches and stand-up humour (339588)
12.10am Four-Mations: Secret Passions. Andrei Khrzhanovsky's *The Grey Bearded Lion*, a simple story about the memories of an elderly circus lion. The film is preceded by a short interview with the director (s) (2707231)
12.50 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (7084908)
1.50 Four-Mations: Secret Passions — Animation Since Perestroika. *There Lived a Man Called Kozyavin*, Andrei Khrzhanovsky's animated attack on bureaucracy; *Amentia* is Sergei Ainutdinov's story of death's visit to Earth; and *All Alone With Nature* is A. Fedulov's film about the secret life of a pre-perestroika bureaucrat (s) (92436328). Ends at **2.20**
4.00 Schools: Geographical Eye (635892). Ends at **5.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: **12.55** Emmerdale (9375101) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (61343089) **2.50-3.20** High Road (2232675) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7579439) **6.25** Anglia Weather (521830) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (675) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (370675) **11.55** First Take (320830) **12.25am** Short Story Cinema (6235298) **12.50** War and Remembrance (394386) **2.40** Best of British Motorsport (7069811) **3.10** The Beat (6720927) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (83456163) **4.30** Quiz Night (95298)

CENTRAL

As London except: **2.50-3.20** High Road (2232675) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7579439) **6.25** Central News and Weather (632385) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (516168) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (370675) **11.55** Air Ambulance (320830) **4.05am** Jobfinder (9703873) **5.20** Asian Eye (4700231)

GRANADA

As London except: **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (9375101) **1.25** Home and Away (11818491) **1.50** Vanessa (25100217) **2.20** The Lady Killers (70771033) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2232675) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7579439) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (798304) **11.50-12.25am** The Line (288410)

HTV WEST

As London except: **12.55** Shortland Street (7124217) **1.20** Coronation Street (60993548) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (2232675) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7579439) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (675) **11.55** Special Report (320830)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: **2.50-3.20** Designed by Emanuel (2232675) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (8433762) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (675) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (859) **11.55** The Big Story (320830)

MERIDIAN

As London except: **12.55** Emmerdale (9375101) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (61343089) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2232675) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7579439) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (323) **6.30-7.00** Anything You Can Do (675) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (370675) **11.55** Time Trax (957878) **12.50am** War and Remembrance (394386) **2.40** Best of British Motorsport (7069811) **3.10** The Beat (6720927) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (83456163) **4.30** Quiz Night (95298) **5.00** Freescreen (44078)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry News (4905366) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (9376694) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9375965) **12.55** Emmerdale (9375101) **1.25** Home and Away (61343089) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (92522304) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (2232675) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News: Weather (8433762) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7579439) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (33149) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News, Weather (370675) **11.55** The Hidden Room (320830)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (4905366) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (9367946) **12.55** Emmerdale (9375101) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (61343089) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2232675) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (8433762) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7579439) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (480897) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (675) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (370675) **11.55** Prisoner Cell Block H (957878) **12.50am** Film: Enter The Dragon (361637) **2.35** America's Top Ten (7060540) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (51605366) **3.35** Film. Life With the Lyons (Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon) (3791989) **4.55** Jobfinder (9281347)

S4C

Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (76491) **9.00** Golden Girls (87472) **9.30** Middle English (12656) **9.30** Schools (4406149) **9.45** The Maths Programme (7318965) **10.05** Scientific Eye (4830878) **10.25** Geographical Eye (3386675) **10.45** Le Petit Monde De Pierre (1183156) **11.00** Breaking The Mould (2352453) **11.20** Reviewing The Landscape (6313491) **11.40** The Spanish Programme (4727217) **12.00pm** House To House (24156) **12.30** The Pink Panther Show (31859675) **12.45** Aaahhh!!! Real Monsters! (31847830) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (86878) **1.30** Film: The Defiant Ones (53894323) **3.15** Ricki Lake (1071897) **4.00** Think Tank (588) **4.30** The Real Holiday Show (472) **5.00** 5 Pump Uned 5 (1548) **5.30** Fifteen To One (192) **6.00** Newyddion (555520) **6.15** Heno (428033) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (756859) **7.25** Bachs Hi O'Ma (935697) **8.00** Er Mwyn Tad: Y Dudalen Flaen (9472) **8.30** Newyddion (8507) **9.00** Ana: Haydn Thomas (2675) **10.00** Film: Naked (6507) **12.00am** Without Walls (85298) **1.00** Without Walls (72347) **1.30** Fourmations: 1995 - Animation Since Perestroika (9180182) **2.10** Diwedd (556521) **4.00** Schools (635892)

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SKY ONE

7.00am DJ Kat Show (31594) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (31217) **8.30** Jeopardy (30588) **9.00** Court TV (54168) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (23588) **10.30** Concentration (43052) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (28878) **12.00** Spellbound (34304) **12.30pm** Designing Women (67120) **1.00** The Waltons (62675) **2.00** Geraldo (97410) **3.00** Court TV (1859) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (9219052) **4.20** Undun (1740304) **5.00** Star Trek (5439) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (4675) **6.30** Spellbound (8255) **7.00** LAPD (6168) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4439) **8.00** Police Stop! 2 (92830) **9.00** The Commish (12694) **10.00** Star Trek (15781) **11.00** Law and Order (67863) **12.00** Late Show (9147298) **12.45am** The Untouchables (3767057) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (60057) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8825366)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (3533385) **10.30** ABC Nightline (41694) **1.30pm** CBS News (17439) **2.30** Parliament (55878) **3.30** Parliament (6033) **6.30** Tonight (15697) **8.30** Sky Worldwide (2965) **11.30** CBS News (83526) **12.30am** ABC News (18182) **1.30** Tonight (59250) **2.30** Newsmaker (57927) **3.30** Parliament (29144) **4.30** CBS News (86892) **5.30** ABC News (70250)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (4149694) **10.00 The Yarn Princess** (1993) (78236) **12.00 Author! Author!** (1982) (78385) **2.00pm Young Ivanhoe** (1994) (92043) **4.00 A Day for Thanks on Walton's Mountain** (1982) (8453) **6.00 The Yarn Princess** (1993) (40551694) **7.40 US Top 10** (662507) **8.00 Beethoven's 2nd** (1993) (30762) **9.30 The Pelican Brief** (1993) (32491323) **11.50 The Young Americans** (1993) (931101) **1.35am Wilder Napalm** (1993) (116366) **3.20 With Hostile Intent** (1993) (76882569)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Waterloo Bridge (1940) (9675) **6.00 Meet The People** (1944) (91149) **8.00 Zelig** (1983) (96694) **10.00 Dracula: Prince of Darkness** (1965) (820236) **11.40 First Blood** (1982) (403878) **1.20-3.05am Providence** (1977) (408724)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan's Savage Fury (1952) (28675) **8.00 The Three Musketeers** (1992) (29781) **9.00 Aladdin** (1993) (64217) **10.00 Jamaica Run** (1953) (76878) **12.00 Vengeance of She** (1967) (43205) **2.00pm Curse of the Crystal Eye** (1993) (92025) **4.00 Three Musketeers** (1992) (85052) **5.00 Aladdin** (1993) (8149) **6.00 Snowbound: The Jim and Jennifer Stolpa Story** (1993) (24439) **8.00 Breaking the Silence** (1991) (38304) **9.30 Movie Show** (70694) **10.00 Striking Distance** (1993) (657694) **11.50 Killer Looks** (1992) (939743) **1.35am Seventh Floor** (1993) (114908) **3.20-5.20 Rikki and Pete** (1988) (76673811)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (32982875) **6.30** Muppet Babies (27094694) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (67807410) **7.30** Ducktales (87893217) **8.00** Chip 'n Dales (82896033) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (82885304) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82888656) **9.30** Pooh Corner (90212830) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (27085946) **10.30** Quack Attack (82815168) **11.00** Disney (67802965) **12.00** Sinbad (82899120) **12.30pm** The Torkelsons (90223946) **1.00** Faerie Tale Theatre (90211101) **2.00** Wonderland (78728830) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (86632052) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78747965) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (86544897) **4.00** Quack Attack (86623304) **4.30** Ducktales (86629588) **5.00** Chip 'n Dales (78742410) **5.30** Danger Bay (86643168) **6.00** Tarzan (86633781) **6.30** Dinosaurs (86624033) **7.00** FILM: Ballerina (89307101) **8.30** Zorro (78727101) **9.00-10.00** Entertainment Specials (89614878)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Equestrianism (42236) **8.30** Athletics (45439) **9.30** Tennis (61651) **10.00** Speedworld (32507) **10.30** Rally (56101) **11.00** Sumo (20946) **1.00pm** Chess (11192) **2.00** Eurofun (3236) **2.30** Triathlon (88120) **3.30** Marathon (72878) **4.30** Offroad (46168) **5.30** Eurosport News (5946) **6.00** Skating (249323) **9.00** Football (86439) **11.00** Golf (70255) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (26453)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (76439) **7.30** Racing (55946) **8.00** Boots 'n' All (72897) **9.00** Aerobics (72149) **9.30** World Soccer (81385) **10.00** Rugby (47439) **10.30** Tennis (81033) **11.00** Watersports (84694) **12.00** Aerobics (52385) **12.30pm** FA Cup 1st Round Replay Repeat (90385) **2.30** Opposite Lock **3.00** ATP Tennis from Frankfurt (80781) **4.00** Rugby (9994) **4.30** Powerboat World (9526) **5.00** Skate International of France (1255) **6.00** Sports Centre (4061) **6.30** Rugby Union (1743) **7.00** Wrestling Survivor Series (230675) **10.00** Sports Centre (53014) **10.30** Tight Lines (31236) **11.30** Tennis (36323) **12.00** Ice Warriors (19328) **2.00-2.30am** Sports Centre (85927)

Jean Paul Gaultier hosts the Music Awards (MTV, 7am)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm Rugby (9669014) **8.00** Squash — World Open (9678762) **9.00** In-Line Skating (2397236) **9.30** Rugby (1332014) **10.00** Netbusters (2388588) **12.00-1.00am** Rugby Club (4081250)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living World **5.00** Kenneth Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **5.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15** Colin Dye/Wake up Europe **6.45-7.00** Music

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1280762) **7.55** As the World Turns (6532052) **8.50** Peyton Place (2413781) **9.20** Days of our Lives (2018743) **10.10-11.00** Another World (1808014)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (2377472) **11.30** Ski (2378101) **12.00** Discover Your World (5314675) **12.30pm** Cooking in France (1352878) **1.00pm** Around the World (9050859) **1.30** Travel Guide (1351149) **2.00** Ski Special (1921304) **3.00** Getaway (6036656) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (6626255)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century (2391052) **5.00** History Alive: The Soviet Union (6050236) **6.00-7.00** Biography Admiral "Bull" Halsey (1360897)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am Mysteries Magic and Miracles (4859366) **1.30** Ray Bradbury (3895163) **2.00** FILM: Slugs (7611439) **3.30-4.00** Ray Bradbury Theatre (5105743)

TLC

9.00am Wild at Heart (8013830) **9.30** Simply Delicious (2853491) **10.00** It's a Vet's Life (4863946) **10.30** Park High (8019014) **11.00** Only Human (5417439) **12.00** General Practice (8033694) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2864507) **1.00** Delicious (5411255) **1.30** Wild at Heart (2863878) **2.00** Will It Hurt? (7223120) **2.30** Life is for Living (6120410) **3.00** Animal Magnetism (7242255) **3.30-4.00** Vet's Life (6132255)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (5481014) **7.30** Neighbours (5400149) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8032965) **8.30** EastEnders (8031236) **9.00** The Bill (8022588) **9.30** The Sullivans (2862149) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5498033) **11.00** Dallas (5419897) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8035052) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2866965) **1.00** EastEnders (5480385) **1.30** The Bill (2865236) **2.00** The Sullivans (63719878) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (6088304) **3.00** Angels (7211385) **3.30** Eldorado (6101385) **4.00** Casualty (19536101) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4414304) **5.45** Dad's Army (9941101) **6.25** EastEnders (6229014) **7.00** Eldorado (7238694) **7.30** Taxi (6110033) **8.00** George and Mildred (7212014) **8.30** What A Carry On! (7231149) **9.00** Minder (4259255) **10.00** The Bill (6373675) **10.35** Dad's Army (8648526) **11.15** Classic Sport (2208168) **12.20am** KYTV (4613453) **12.55** Dr Who (2837434) **1.20** Bless This House (3408540) **1.45-3.00** Shopping (33458057)

TCC

6.00am Casper (16120) **7.00** Pink Panther (94410) **7.30** Ready Or Not (80217) **8.00** Valley High (19694) **8.30** Casper (3219656) **8.45** Dinobabies (3247439) **9.00** Tiny TCC (121588) **12.00** Tiny TCC (185526) **2.30pm** Happily Ever After (6830) **3.00** Sonic (1033) **3.30** Pink Panther (8675) **4.00** California Dreams (1110) **4.30-5.00** Valley High (6694)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7312566) **6.15** Grimmy (7300743) **6.30** Teenage Turtles (14101) **7.00** Batfink (9768878) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (1103491) **7.45** Rugrats (715878) **8.15** Doug (882014) **8.45** The Ferals (9068743) **9.00** Nick Junior (8413255) **12.30pm** Real Monsters (83743) **1.00** Wishbone (86052) **1.30** Dungeons and Dragons (82014) **2.00** Mighty Max (9410) **2.30** Rude Dog and The Dweebs (7304) **3.00** Count Duckula (5217) **3.30** Pet Shop (9149) **4.00** Fish and Chips and Technick (8656) **4.30** Rugrats (7168) **5.00** Clarissa (5502) **5.30** Nancy Drew (1120) **6.00** Doug (8033) **6.30** Afraid of the Dark? (9385) **7.00** Fish and Chips and Technick (5746) **7.30-8.00** Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys (8897)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (6111762) **4.30** In the Wild (6117946) **5.00** Blue Revolution (7233507) **6.00** Invention (6138439) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8002878) **7.30** Space Rendezvous (6118675) **8.00** Weather (7210656) **8.30** Ultra Science (7222491) **9.00** Top Guns (6558656) **9.30** Science Detectives (2844743) **10.00** Best of British Wings (4227656) **11.00** Top Marques (6553101) **11.30-12.00** Special Forces (4852830)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Veil (4870236) **2.00pm** Danger Man (4851101) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7239781) **3.30** Man From Interpol (6129781) **4.00** FILM. Heavens Above! (7240897) **6.00** Scotland Yard (6125965) **6.30** UFO (8099304) **7.30** The Protectors (6105101) **8.00** Space 1999 (4231859) **9.00** The Prisoner (4244323) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Poltergeist (6569762)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (7213439) **7.00** Living Magazine (3916287) **9.00** The Treatment (5278520) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7950830) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (8766584) **11.00** Young and Restless (8966675) **11.55** Masterchef (2032526) **12.30pm** Brookside (4409753) **1.05** Kilroy (6104120) **2.00** Agony Hour (7506043) **3.00** Living Magazine (6872101) **4.00** Infatuation UK (4048946) **4.30** Crosswits (6750323) **5.05** Joker's Wild (75504675) **5.30** Bewitched (4051410) **6.00** Esther (4058323) **6.30** Brookside (5403762) **7.05** Jerry Springer (9646965) **8.00** Young and Restless (8321743) **9.00** FILM Why My Daughter? (8324830) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (7316043)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Wonder Years (3678) **5.30** Tintin (7946) **6.00** Batman (4859) **6.30** Catchphrase (8439) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (3014) **7.30** My Two Dads (7323) **8.00** Darling Buds of May (98052) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Means of Evil (85588) **10.00** Clued Up (13410) **10.30** Neon Rider (73236) **11.30** Batman (61694) **12.00** Tintin (60811) **12.30pm** Concentration (32540) **1.00** Zorro (38908) **1.30** Rhoda (64811) **2.00** Neon Rider (98540) **3.00** Rhoda (18144) **3.30** Zorro (97786) **4.00** Wonder Years (18279) **4.30-5.00** Black Stallion (19873)

MTV

6.30am The Grind (50688) **7.00** MTV Europe Music Awards — Best Live Act (80728) **7.30** Awake On The Wildside (82675) **8.00** Europe Music Awards (45633) **9.00** VJ Maria (51217) **11.00** Soul (91323) **12.00** Greatest Hits (42410) **1.00** Music Non-Stop (28830) **2.00** Europe Music Awards (75897) **3.00** Countdown to the MTV Europe Music Awards in Paris with Enrico (435287) **6.00** Europe Music Awards 1995 — Happy Hour (48694) **7.00** Europe Music Awards 1995 — Live! (825507) **9.30** Europe Music Awards 1995 — Happy Hour (82507) **10.30** Europe Music Awards 1995 (823014) **1.00** Night Videos (6753927) **5.00** Awake On The Wildside (56076)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (9042830) **9.00** Café (7978255) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1333743) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (1342491) **2.00** Nick Heyward (1923762) **3.00** Into the Music (4079830) **6.00** Simply Red (1382255) **7.00** For You (9661472) **8.00** Review (9670120) **9.00** Boyz II Men (9667556) **10.00** Vinyl (9660743) **11.00** The Bridge (3817365) **1.00am** Rozalla (6570231) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (41912110) **8.30** Yule Love Stories (49153217) **9.00** Tamil Film (49801491) **11.30** Surer Dali (12501265) **12.00** Dekh Bahar Dekh (49157033) **12.30pm** Indie Show (20393385) **1.00** FILM: Awwal Number (24420323) **4.00** Top Ten (12591878) **5.00** Zone (69188439) **5.30** Punjabi Folk (28470323) **6.00** Dillagi (28477236) **6.30** Zee and U (28468588) **7.00** Newsearch (69168675) **7.30** Galaxzee (28457472) **8.00** News (69177323) **8.30** Andaz (69156830) **9.00** Kachey Dhaagey (90150781) **10.00** Horror (49158762) **10.30** Commander (49167410) **11.00** Ras Barse (12592507) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (28463946)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5am to 9pm, TNT films.
9.00pm Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1932) (99895743) **11.00 Abbott and Costello in Hollywood** (1945) (88921897) **12.30am Free and Easy** (1930) (94345182) **2.15-5.00 That Sinking Feeling** (1979) (44845724)

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KEMPTON ABANDONS PLANS TO BUILD ALL-WEATHER TRACK

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MALCOLM GIVEN A FINAL CHANCE TO PROVE HIS WORTH

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 1995

Scot speeds to ultimate prize after leaving demoralised Sainz trailing in RAC Rally

McRae in world of his own

By Oliver Holt

A LONE piper led Colin McRae's Subaru Impreza onto the victory ramp at the end of the Network Q RAC Rally for the second year in succession yesterday. This time, though, he was playing a different tune. McRae is no longer just the winner of his home event. His epic victory over Carlos Sainz, his team-mate, established him as the first British world rally champion.

The battle between the only two men who could win the title had raged throughout the 28 stages and 1,446 miles of the four-day event. But McRae killed off the Spaniard's hopes of a late reprieve in the Welsh forests by winning five of the seven stages on the final day, boosting his overall tally to 17. His winning margin in the rally was 36 seconds, his advantage in the championship five points.

Only in front of the thousands of supporters who had flocked to Chester racecourse to welcome him home did the inexperience that some feared would count against him in the rally betray him. It took him a couple of minutes and a few embarrassed stares at the crowd before he could wrench the cork from a bottle as he stood on the bonnet of his car. But then British rally drivers have not had much practice at spraying champagne in celebration of championship wins.

"It is going to take a while to sink in," McRae said. "Today was just a case of keeping my concentration and making sure I did not make a mistake. Anything could have happened. It was close right to the end and there was not any time to relax. We were less than the time it takes to change a puncture ahead so we had to keep pushing. But to win the world championship is what I have always wanted. This is the biggest goal in the sport and now I have achieved it."

The manner of McRae's victory against all the odds in this event, though, suggested this may be just the beginning of a brilliant career. "This may be his first world title," David Richards, the Subaru team manager, said, "but it won't be his last. I can guarantee that. There is plenty more to come and Britain should be very proud of Colin McRae."

The seven stages yesterday, run on sodden tracks in the depths of Wales, were almost relegated to an anti-climactic formality after the heroics McRae performed in the Kielder Forest on Monday and in Wales on Tuesday to claw back a substantial lead established by Sainz. Before yesterday, he had won only four world championship rallies in his career, but he drove with the poise of a veteran.

DETAILS

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB, Subaru) 5hr 8min 19sec; 2, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp, Subaru) 5:09.55; 3, R Burns and R Reid (GB, Subaru) 5:15.58; 4, A McRae and C Wood (GB, Ford) 5:20 34; 5, B Thiry and S Prevot (Bel, Ford) 5:21.11

FINAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: Drivers: 1, McRae 90pts; 2, Sainz 85; 3, K Eriksson (Swe, Mitsubishi) 48; 4, F Delecour (Fr, Ford) 46; 5, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi) 38. Manufacturers: 1, Subaru 350; 2, Mitsubishi 307; 3, Ford 223.

The Scot, 27, who became the first Briton to win the RAC Rally for 18 years when he triumphed last year, had hurtled his way into a 43-second lead over his team-mate by the beginning of the ninth stage at Pundershaw, the longest in the rally. But he suffered a puncture 12 miles in when he hit a large rock and had to stop to change the wheel. He lost more than two minutes to his rival in one shattering blow. "Two minutes is like a lifetime in rallying," McRae said. "But there was just too much at stake to give up hope."

From then on, McRae, who lives in Monaco and comes from Lanark, never looked back. He bewildered Sainz with the speed of his recovery, winning stage after stage, chipping away at the margin between them, driving right on the edge of his and the car's capabilities. After the final stage on Tuesday, he had overhauled the Spaniard and established a 17-second lead. He was asked yesterday if he had been driving flat out. "More than flat out, sometimes," he said.

By yesterday morning, Sainz appeared to be a broken man, resigned to his fate. He has won the world championship twice, in 1990 and 1992, but this year, with McRae on home ground and striving for his first title, the Scot's hunger seemed to be the greater. "I have no more to give," Sainz said as the end approached. "I'm driving as hard as I can but I can't catch him."

McRae gave an indication of his relaxed state of mind before the day's competition had even begun. He prepared for the first stage at Pantperthog by eating a hearty breakfast and playing pool with his co-driver, Derek Ringer.

Richard Burns in the third Subaru Impreza, in third place, and Alister McRae, Colin's brother, in fourth, made it a day of unprecedented success for British rallying. Quite rightly, though, the attention will be lavished on the country's newest world champion.

McRae has fought back all season, just as he did throughout this rally. He started 1995 by crashing in Monte Carlo, retiring in Sweden and then finishing third in Portugal and fifth in Corsica. But he won the Rally of New Zealand for the third year in succession, was runner-up in Australia and confounded those who said he could not drive on Tarmac by finishing runner-up in Catalonia last month. On that occasion, he was forced to accept second place because of team orders, a decision that led to a bitter row between him and Richards. Yesterday it was all forgotten.

MARC ASPLAND

McRae celebrates becoming the first British world rally champion in Chester yesterday

Champion pulls ahead of rivals at his own pace

By Andrew Longmore

Standing at the end of stage eight on the second morning of the Network Q RAC Rally, David Richards, team manager of Subaru, watched the reaction of his drivers, Colin McRae and Carlos Sainz, as the times for the stage came through.

A fault on the timing mechanism meant that the Spaniard's initial time had to be corrected and, when McRae's time was screened, a spectacular 31 seconds quicker for the 17-mile stage, Sainz presumed that the time was wrong also.

"He cannot be that fast," Sainz said. Derek Ringer, McRae's co-driver, assured him that the figures were right. "Carlos could not believe it," Richards said. "You could tell that it got to him and I think after that Colin believed he was going to win the rally, whatever the difficulties."

McRae later confirmed that he had flown through the stage, aware of the Spaniard's brittle temperament. "I wanted to demoralise Carlos at that point and it worked," he said.

In defeat, Luis Moya, Sainz's co-driver, paid handsome tribute to McRae's speed over the four days, which, given the acrimonious battle between the two drivers after the controversy on the last day of the Catalonian Rally, took almost as much courage as completing the rally. "We knew we could not go any quicker," Moya said. "Not a moment quicker. We have been equal with Colin for most of the year, but he pulled out something extra here and we could not match him. I wouldn't like to be sitting next to him."

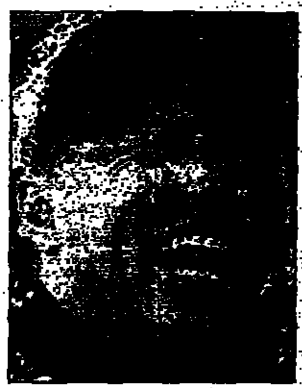
Years in that privileged hot seat have given Ringer a nice line in understatement. He admitted that, for some of the stages during McRae's epic pursuit of Sainz on Tuesday, the pair disappeared beyond the limit.

The rally was, he said, "hairy", which is at the furthest end of his descriptive powers. He means suicidal. Perhaps, his thoughts returned to the first rally on the road to the world championship, a round of the Scottish championship nearly ten years ago, when snow was on the ground and "we went quite quickly".

Ringer has watched his charger develop over the decade, gently persuading his fellow Scot to add caution to the natural, unadulterated pace which has always marked McRae out from the host of other trumpeted British talents.

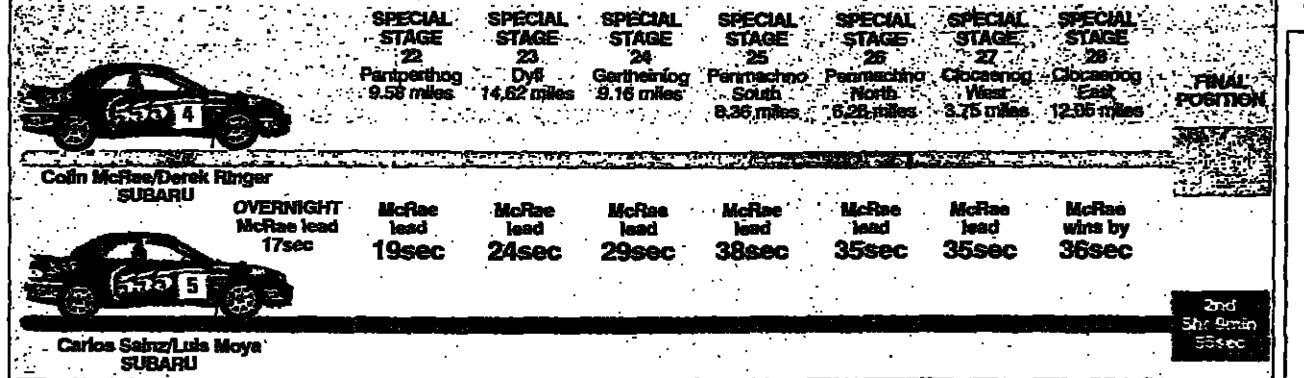
"He is now the most complete driver in the world," Ringer said. "His style is very fluid, very smooth, though it might not look like that from outside. He is also capable of going slowly where he probably wasn't before. Unfortunately, we didn't have that luxury on this rally. There were only two speeds — foot to the floor and foot through the floor."

For Ringer, the critical moment arrived when the fog came down towards the end of the third day. Seeing an opportunity to press home his narrowing advantage, Sainz increased the pace only to find McRae matching him once more. Ringer said: "Carlos really went for it then and, when he found we were there too, I think he was psychologically beaten from then on."


Ringer: tribute

Richards believes that this will be the first of many world titles for the Scotsman, who has single-handedly raised the profile of British rallying.

"He's proved now that he not only has natural talent but that he can control it," he said. "At times on this rally, he has raised his level to a point which defies definition. He has been so committed, yet so relaxed. He has found his own pace." How did Ringer describe it? Hairy.


HOW McRAE SWEPT TO VICTORY IN THE NETWORK Q RAC RALLY

	SPECIAL STAGE 22 Pantperthog 9.58 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 23 Dyfi 14.62 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 24 Gartheiniog 9.16 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 25 Penmachno South 8.36 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 26 Penmachno North 6.28 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 27 Clocaenog West 3.75 miles	SPECIAL STAGE 28 Clocaenog East 12.05 miles	FINAL POSITION
Colin McRae/Derek Ringer SUBARU OVERNIGHT McRae lead 17sec	McRae lead 19sec	McRae lead 24sec	McRae lead 29sec	McRae lead 38sec	McRae lead 35sec	McRae lead 35sec	McRae wins by 36sec	
Carlos Sainz/Luis Moya SUBARU								2nd 5hr 9min 55sec

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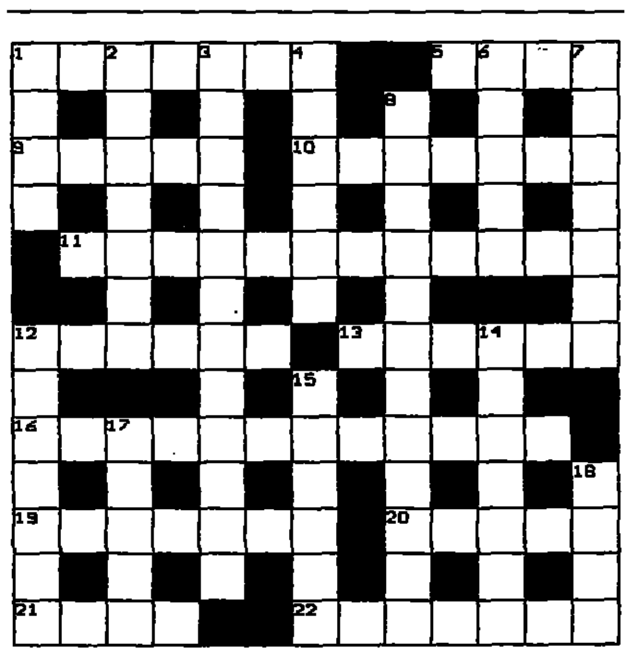

ACROSS
- 1 Little changing-room (7)
- 5 Radar-screen spot; temporary irregularity (4)
- 9 Gem surface (5)
- 10 Keep complaining (7)
- 11 Put in an appearance (4,4,4)
- 12 Take full advantage (4,2)
- 13 Proverbially adhesive gastropod (6)
- 16 Industrial W Midlands (5,7)
- 19 Opposite (7): as a poem (2,5)
- 20 Tree branch (5)
- 21 Brood resentfully (4)
- 22 Shake apprehensively (7)

DOWN
- 1 Slap; part of shirt (4)
- 2 Roman wine god (7)
- 3 *Bee's knees* (4,8)
- 4 Machine producing power (6)
- 6 *Balance* star-sign (5)
- 7 Maxim; rate-levying order (7)
- 8 Dubious (12)
- 12 Taxi-drivers (7)
- 14 Agitate, cause confusion (7)
- 15 Retiring (6)
- 17 Block to hammer on (5)
- 18 Fit with footwear (4)

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Spartak freeze out Blackburn

Spartak Moscow 3
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From Peter Ball
in Moscow

IT DOES not need a Tolstoy to recount Blackburn Rovers' retreat from Moscow. Their execution was swift and ruthless in a freezing Luzhniki Stadium last night. Spartak Moscow sending the English champions to their heaviest European defeat as the home side ensured that they go through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup as winners of group B of the Champions' League.

It was Blackburn's fourth defeat in five matches in the competition, with only one goal in all. To make matters worse, they had to play the last 15 minutes without Colin Hendry, who was sent off for a tackle from behind.

Yet, paradoxically, Blackburn could take more heart from this defeat than some of the previous ones. Spartak are clearly the best side in the group and will be serious opposition for any of the other quarter-finalists and even beyond. From back to front they have players of the highest class. Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, has described Nikiforov as one of the best players he has ever seen, and he lived up to that billing last night, his breaks from the back proving him an outstanding creative player as well as a defender.

If Blackburn were well beaten by the end, for a time they had matched their hosts, looking less naive and sharper than in their previous away matches in Trondheim and Warsaw. They have had a cold group to visit, but Warsaw in October was nothing like Moscow last night.

The conditions were freezing. Snow was banked up on the running track where Ovett, Coe and Wells won gold medals in the 1980 Olympic Games. Perhaps it was to keep warm that Blackburn began the game by confronting one another rather than the home side.

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The preliminaries had only just ended when Le Saux played the ball forward to Newell and went for the return pass. Unfortunately, so did Batty and the two bantamweights collided by the touchline, the ball going out for Spartak to try to benefit with a quick throw-in. Words were exchanged between the two Blackburn players, and so were blows, Sherwood arriving first to separate them in his role as captain.

Perhaps it was what Blackburn needed. The resulting adrenalin saw them enjoy perhaps their best spell in the Champions' League for the next 15 or 20 minutes.

Newell saw an overhead kick pass just over the bar as Shearer headed the ball down to him; Berg just failed to turn the ball home as Ripley's corner confused the home defence, and finally Tchertchesov had to go full length to save Shearer's curling shot.

But Spartak weathered the Blackburn attacks and, as the temperature dropped towards -10C, the group leaders increasingly took control. Kulkov and Tsymbalar began to send Yuran, Chmarov and Alenitchev into the gaps in the Blackburn defence.

For a time, Flowers and Hendry defied them. Flowers made a brave save to deny Chmarov and a fine one to keep out Tsymbalar's angled shot. There was some poor finishing by the home side, too.

Another clash in the Blackburn ranks did not have the same inspiring effect as the first; instead the angry exchange of words between Warhurst and Hendry was the prelude to Spartak taking the lead. Warhurst had fouled Tsymbalar and, although Flowers denied Nikiforov's free kick, Blackburn were beginning to creak and the next attack produced the goal. Tsymbalar sent Alenitchev down the right and the forward cut in, went round Hendry and rolled his shot beyond Flowers.

Blackburn had one chance before the interval, but Shearer dragged his shot wide. It was to be their last as, two minutes after the break, Spartak increased their lead with a splendid goal. Nikiforov broke from the back, played a one-two with Alenitchev and shot past Flowers.

If that was an outstanding goal, the third was even more impressive as Blackburn finally cracked under pressure. Mamedov exchanged passes with Tsymbalar and Alenitchev before again leaving Flowers helpless. All that remained to complete Blackburn's unhappy night was the dismissal of Hendry, who was ajudged to have tripped Tikhonov as he broke clear.

SPARTAK MOSCOW (4-4-2): S Tchertchesov — R Mamedov, V Onopko, Y Nikiforov, D Khelstov — D Alenitchev, V Kulkov, I Tsymbalar (sub: A Piatnitsky, 73min), A Tikhonov (sub: M Moukhamadiev, 88) — V Chmarov, S Yuran (sub: V Ketchinov, 73).

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Saux (sub: M Holmes, 59) — S Ripley (sub: C Sutton, 79), T Sherwood, P Warhurst, D Batty — A Shearer, M Newell.

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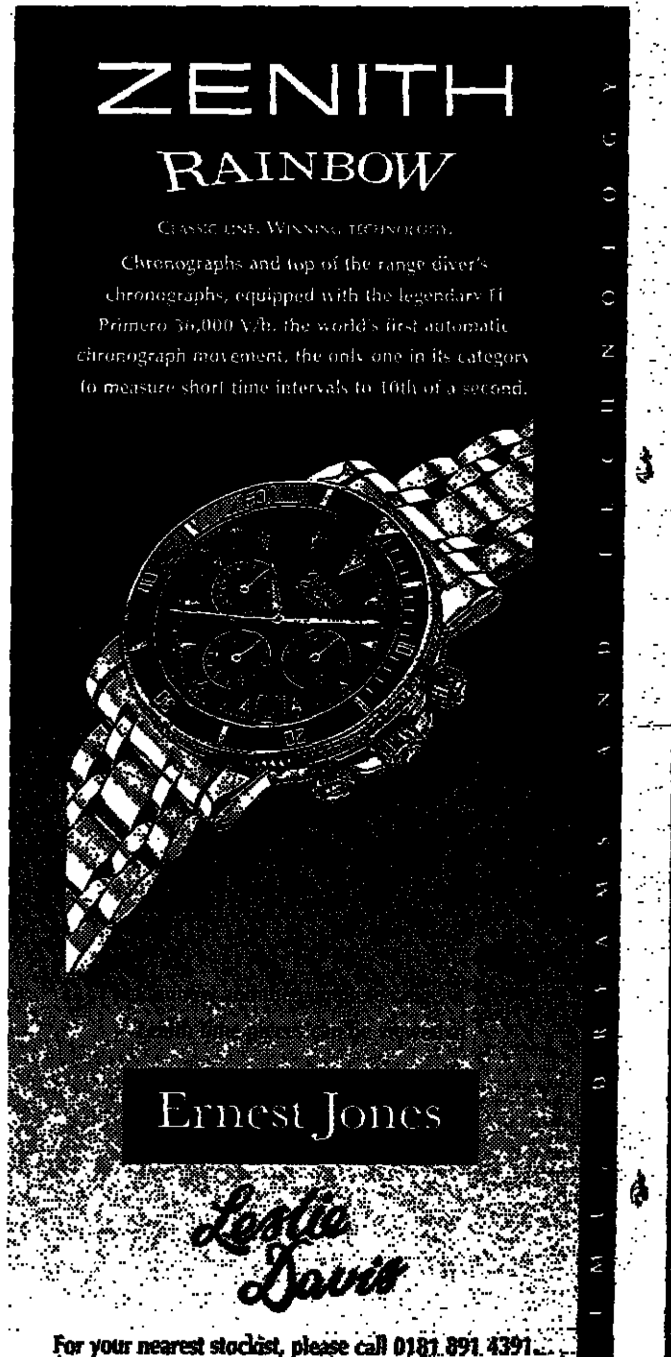
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